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PREFACE.

THE preceding volume of the present Calendar came down to a period at which England and Holland, weary of a war carried on with such varied success that neither party was decidedly advantaged, had become mutually desirous of peace. A maritime contest, long continued, necessarily told with sad effect on the private interests of large numbers of the middle classes, in two essentially trading nations, and they generally and heartily desired its termination. The King had few sympathies with the Dutch; he had not forgotten the humiliation which, in the years of his adversity, they had inflicted upon him, sometimes by a grudgingly conceded hospitality, and at others by an absolute refusal to receive him within their territories; yet he was heartily weary of a struggle which had ceased to be popular, and which, though it had at first, by opening freely the parliamentary purse strings, replenished his exhausted finances, was now become harassingly expensive. The strict supervision also which the House of Commons was disposed to exert over the expenditure of the supplies,—now more grudgingly granted,—greatly lessened the facility of diverting them from their legitimate purpose for Court extravagances.

On both sides therefore the negotiations were entered upon with earnestness of purpose, but with this important difference: Holland was only willing to consent to such a peace as could be effected without compromise of honour or advantage; and therefore, pending the success of the treaty, continued her warlike preparations as

before. England, blindly relying on the conclusion of a peace, acted as though resolved that the treaty *should* succeed, and, with fatal precipitancy, strove to relieve herself of the burden of war, before assured of the certainty of peace.

The fleet, as mentioned in the preceding volume, had been considerably weakened by the dismissal of a number of vessels, and by the distribution of some of those that remained for the protection of the merchant expeditions.* When therefore it was rumoured that the Dutch fleet was ready to sail in force, serious apprehensions were entertained for the safety of the coasts. As early as April 3rd, 1667, Sir Wm. Coventry, the Duke of York's secretary, in answer to an application for a ship to act as convoy, says that "another frigate can scarcely be had, the Dutch fleet being so suddenly expected abroad."† The Duke of Albemarle, at request of the Duke of York, provided a small band of soldiers to send on board the little squadron of vessels under Sir John Harman, manning for the *Hope*, whither all the men-of-war intended for sea were ordered to be sent when equipped.‡

On April 1st, a correspondent from Aldborough, in Suffolk, "hopes that we shall be ready, and that the Dutch may not ride insulting, as they did last year," adding that, "there is slender provision to oppose them, and 30 men might land and fire the town."§ The inhabitants of the Isle of Thanet made an earnest appeal, on April 3rd, to the Secretaries of State for protection. They stated the general belief that the Hollanders and French had a design to seize on the Isle of Thanet. They alleged the

* P. 5, No. 31 ; p. 7, No. 40.

† P. 10, No. 58.

‡ Coventry to Pepys, April 13, p. 31, No. 62.

§ P. 1, No. 5.

facility of landing, and the advantage to an enemy of its occupation, and prayed:—First, that men might not be pressed out of the island beyond the proportions of other places. Second, that Col. Titus might be ordered to return into the island the soldiers whom he had removed contrary to his promises. Third, that such other soldiers as quartered there might be equally quartered in other places, as well as in the three port parishes of the island. Fourth, and especially, that a few forts, or one strong and tenable fort or castle, might be speedily made, in some such place of the island as might most secure the same, and hinder the taking and keeping thereof by the enemies. And, lastly, that it might be considered what harbours could be enlarged and made in and about the said island for great ships, and also for more fishermen and others, which, in respect of the conveniences thereof, might also be of much advantage and gain to the nations.*

Reports of the enemy's preparations came in apace. It was said that in France 80 men-of-war and 20 fire-ships were preparing; that the French had sent 3,000 seamen to Holland, and were pressing one person in three at Calais and Dunkirk; and that in Holland great preparations for war were still going on;† that the Dutch had 50 stout frigates under De Witt, and that both were preparing to block up the Thames and other ports;‡ and the "weaker sort" were startled by "the great report of the Dutch coming in time of treaty."§

The Dutch meanwhile had given earnest of their hostile

* P. 9, No. 54.

† Watts to Williamson, May 11 and 16, p. 92, No. 52; p. 103, No. 9.

‡ Letter from Deal, April 5, p. 14, No. 89.

§ Smith to Williamson, May 17, p. 104, No. 187.

intentions; a squadron of their vessels had created alarm for several days by their appearance on the northern coasts. On April 29, they sailed up the Frith of Forth, causing great dismay in Edinburgh and Leith, and 16 of their number attacked Burntisland; they were warmly opposed, the town being supplied with 20 pieces of cannon; the people mustered in great force for their defence, and were strengthened by Gen. Dalziell's regiment; the firing lasted the whole day, but at its close, the enemy retired,* baffled in their purpose; they hovered some time about the coasts of Yorkshire,† and Sir Jeremy Smith, though with an inferior force, was stationed there for defence.‡

On May 10, it was reported from Amsterdam that the Dutch fleet of 80 men-of-war would be ready for sea in eight days, and was preparing for the English coast.§ Some prisoners from Rochelle, landing at Plymouth, reported that on the 10th instant, Beaufort with the whole French fleet had sailed for the Channel.

On May 23, the whole fleet of 110 men-of-war and merchantmen was said to be under sail between the Vlie and Texel.|| These reports were so far credited that expresses were sent to several ports to stop the departure of vessels about to sail;¶ but these orders emanated from officials acting in their individual capacity, not directly from government.

So great was the confidence in the conclusion of the treaty felt or feigned by those at the head of affairs, that

* Pp. 62-3, Nos. 104, 107; p. 73, No. 44.

† P. 78, No. 73.

‡ P. 82, Nos. 101, 102.

§ Gilby to Williamson, May 19, p. 108, No. 47.

|| Holmes to Williamson, p. 116, No. 110.

¶ Carlisle to Williamson, May 21, p. 111, No. 71; Sir J. Smith to the Navy Comrs. May 21, p. 112, No. 79; Salisbury to Williamson, May 26, p. 120, No. 30.

on May 24, the King wrote to the Duke of York, as Lord Admiral, to say that "as London is now well supplied with coal, and the merchant vessels safely returned from the Mediterranean, he has resolved on further diminution of the fleet, and will not even keep in pay the third-rate ships, ordered to be retained on 6th Feb.; but that all those requiring considerable repairs are to be discharged, and laid up in Portsmouth, as soon as they can be paid off; and only a squadron of small ships retained, to distract the enemy and disturb their trade."*

On May 29, Sir Wm. Coventry wrote as follows to the Navy Comrs. :

"GENTLEMEN,

"The fireships that lie in harbour at Portsmouth, Dover, Harwich, and Chatham, being intended only for doing service near those places, as occasion shall present, I desire you will consider whether the King's charge may not be eased by reducing their complements of men, leaving them only a sufficient number to do service, or at the most, so many as may suffice to weigh their anchors upon any occasion; and if you find it may be done, I desire you will represent it to his Royal Highness, or send me word of it that I may do it.

"Your affectionate humble servant,

"W. COVENTRY."†

A paper enclosed gives a list of 21 fire-ships, of which five were at Sheerness, four in the Downs, one at Dover, and two at Harwich, their crews varying from 14 to 45 men. These crews it was actually proposed to reduce, in the face of a strong fleet hovering upon the very coasts.

In cases where the steps required for protection involved no outlay of money, a different course was adopted. On the very day of Sir Wm. Coventry's letter, just quoted,

* P. 118.

† Vol. CCII., No. 77.

Lord Arlington wrote as follows to the Lord Lieutenants of the eastern and southern maritime counties :

" MY LORD,

" Whitehall, May 29th, 1667.

" His Majesty understanding that the Dutch are ready in few days to put to sea with their fleet, and believing they will not fail to appear before the coast, and to give the alarm to the country, and possibly, if they find the occasion easy, make an attempt to land, with design at least to spoil, burn, and sackage what part they can of the country, his Majesty, out of his gracious care for the safety and quiet of his subjects, hath commanded me to give you this notice of it, and to signify his pleasure to you that, forthwith upon receipt hereof, you give order that the militia of that county be in such a readiness that, upon the shortest warning, they may assemble and be in arms for the defence of the coast, in case of any attempt or appearance of the enemy's fleet; taking care in the meantime that the several beacons upon and near the coast be duly watched, by the respective hundreds in which they are, for the preventing any surprise or sudden descent of the enemy.

" And his Majesty commands me particularly to mind you that, in all places where you shall be obliged to make head or appear to the enemy, you make the greatest show you can in numbers, and more especially of horse, even though it be of such as are otherwise wholly unfit and improper for nearer service, horse being the force that will most discourage the enemy from landing for any such attempt.

" The whole his Majesty commands me to recommend to your best care and vigilance, leaving it, in the particular circumstances, to your own prudence and discretion, as you shall see occasion upon the place, desiring from time to time an account from you of what shall happen, and of the state of all things relating to his Majesty's service within your lieutenancy.

" I am,

" Yours, &c.,

" ARLINGTON."

The letter is followed by a memorandum that a copy of the preceding letter was sent to each of the following persons, viz. :

Earl of Northumberland,
Bishop of Durham,

For Northumberland.
" Durham.

Lord Great Chamberlain,	For Lincolnshire.
Lord Townshend,	" Norfolk.
Lord Belasyse,	" Yorkshire, East Riding.
Lord Fauouberg,	" " North Riding.
Earl of Suffolk,	" Suffolk.
Earl of Oxford,	" Essex.
Deputy Lieutenants,	" Kent.
Earl of Northumberland, and Lord Percy,	} " Sussex.
Deputy Lieutenants,	" Hampshire.
Duke of Richmond,	" Dorsetshire.
Lord General,	" Devonshire.
Earl of Bath,	" Cornwall.*

Meanwhile the ambassadors of the several European powers were sitting in solemn conclave at Breda. Separate rooms were assigned to the envoys of each power; and when their proposals took a definite shape, they were to be delivered to the Swedish ambassador, who was elected mediator. To avoid disputes about precedence, a great room was prepared for their meeting, with separate doors of entrance, and a round table at which they could seat themselves indiscriminately.

Still, doubts as to the reality or success of the treaty were suggested from many quarters. A Westmoreland correspondent wishes the enemy's offers of peace may prove real, but hopes, if there be a design to trepan, they will be treated as they deserve; and suggests the doubling of the train bands, as a measure less likely to create suspicion among the people than increasing the standing army.† "The general report here," writes an Aldborough correspondent,‡ "is very high, that De Witt "is to be generalissimo, to waive the Prince of Orange

* Entry Book 20, pp. 145, 146.

† Fleming to Williamson, April 11, p. 28, No. 39.

‡ Brown to Williamson April 15, p. 33, No. 74.

" in all things; no hindrance of fishing upon our seas, " no striking flag to the English, and to forget the " business of the Amboyna; which, if so, God bless all " Englishmen!" In spite of all misgivings, the negotiations progressed. Diplomatic papers were daily interchanged, and, on June 7th, Henry Coventry, one of the English plenipotentiaries, actually landed at Dover, being sent in a Dutch vessel, with a white flag, bearing the preliminary articles of peace for the King's signature.*

For some days no authentic tidings of the hostile fleets came to hand, though vague rumours still reported them in the Channel; but as they intercepted all vessels bound for England, it was difficult to ascertain their whereabouts. The first news seems to have arrived *via* Ipswich. At 10 p.m., on June 2, the Earl of Suffolk despatched an express thence to Lord Arlington, the subject of which is not named; but at 3 a.m. the following morning, governor Titus, of Deal Castle, received a packet from Whitehall, informing him, not only that a French fleet was seen off the Isle of Wight, but that the Dutch, with 40 sail, were making towards the Gunfleet. All men were struck with anger and terror; trade was paralyzed, and the outward-bound merchant ships hastened back to the Thames, Dover, or Sandwich for shelter.† Orders were issued that no accounts should be printed of the whereabouts of the King's men-of-war, nor any news printed except under directions from Government, "such a course being " dangerous when the enemy are masters of the seas."‡ On June 7th, the Dutch fleet of 50 or 60 sail, was seen off the North Foreland, and at 8 p.m. they came to anchor

* P. 36, last entry; p. 42, No. 146; p. 156, No. 109; p. 162, No. 149

† Watts to Williamson, June 3, p. 146.

‡ Coventry to Williamson, June 4, p. 150.

in the Gunfleet.* It now became evident that they had some important design in view.† Throo days more of unaccountable inactivity elapsed; but, on June 10, the steady advance of the hostile fleet roused the government to the necessity of action. Early that morning, Sir Wm. Coventry thus writes to the Navy Comrs.:—

"GENTLEMEN,

"His Royal Highness doth not expect your attendance this morning, but wishes your time employed in getting and fitting fire-ships, in which pray lose no time.

"I wish, where you put the fire-ships to fit, you would order all other work to be laid aside, and that one of you would be present to see the work followed; it is of utmost importance. I have written to the Tower to have ingredients ready; if you send for them, they will, I presume, be delivered.

"If you find fit men for gunners of the six fire-ships, and to fit them, employ them, and stay not for warrants or orders. The time will not permit the observation of these forms. Pray use all possible dispatch.

"Your affectionate humble servant,

"W. COVENTRY."‡

"For the Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy.

At the Navy Office in Seething Lane. Haste. W. Coventry.

June 10th, 9 in the morning."

Later in the same day he writes again to the same Comrs:—

"June 10th,

"GENTLEMEN,

in the Evening.

"I have yours of this day. An order will this night be sent you for delivery of the carvel, and her rigging and furniture.

"Lest press warrants should be wanting, I send you the enclosed blanks, though I hope volunteers may be found to do the service; yet perhaps for rigging and labouring, pressing may be necessary.

* Pp. 156-7, Nos. 111, 115.

† Coventry to the Navy Comrs. June 8, p. 158, No. 126.

‡ Vol. CCIV., No. 19.

"Besides the six fire-ships you mention, I heartily wish you could get as many more to be fitted in some other place, as Black-wall, or any private yards.

"The money employed to hasten this work is well bestowed. I have given Sir Frescheville Holles two blank press warrants.

"Pray get more fire-ships, if possible; it is our greatest help, as the case now stands.

"By the morning, at farthest, I will send you blank commissions for the commanders of the fire-ships you have named. If the Dutch will not let us pay our ships here, I wish we did not neglect the paying those at Portsmouth, and think (pray) of discharging unnecessary carpenters, but not so as to lose time about fire-ships, which is the most necessary work of all; and pray spare neither cost [nor] diligence to get them dispatched.

"I am,

"Your humble servant,

"W. COVENTRY.*

"The commissions, I have told Sir Frescheville Holles, shall be sent to Deptford (and the orders for the Com. of fire-ships obeying him), by to-morrow morning. Pray keep my word with him, and send them when they come to you."

Meanwhile the militia were arming along the coast, and the deputy lieutenants of Kent and the governors of the several forts appointed a meeting to make arrangements for defence.† The Earl of Oxford, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, was ordered to send to Lee such of the troops as were not already dispatched to Harwich. Half the militia of Hertfordshire were ordered to Barnet; half that of Surrey to Southwark and Lambeth, and the other half were to be ready to arm on the shortest notice. The Wiltshire and Berkshire men were sent to the Isle of Wight, the Dorsetshire men to Portland and Weymouth, 600 foot from Hampshire to Portsmouth, and a troop of horse to Portsea island.

* Vol. CCIV., No. 21.

† Pp. 156, 157, 163.

For some time previously, it had been uncertain where the threatened blow would fall, and therefore at Burlington, Plymouth, Portsmouth, and other more remote sea ports, fortifications were progressing, chiefly under the orders or inspection of the Duke of York;* but as it became evident that the coasts of Essex and Kent were the menaced points, the inhabitants of the coast towns were courageous or desponding, according to their means of offering successful resistance.

Aldborough complains of having neither horse nor foot in case of an attempt.† On the actual approach of the fleet, a correspondent writes that he has had much ado to persuade the deputy lieutenants that the enemy were on the coast, and only one company, under Sir Robert Brookes, could be obtained for defence.‡

At Harwich, preparations under Sir Chas. Littleton had gone on apace, although he had only two companies under his command;§ and the place was further strengthened by the arrival of fresh troops,|| by a change in the governor of the fort,—Capt. Nath. Darell, the late governor, being suspected of a leaning to Popery;—by payment of the mariners in the dockyard, whose assistance could not else be relied on; and by an order that they should be trained and exercised for defence in case of invasion; also by a visit from the Duke of York to inspect the fortifications, &c.¶ The young Duke of Monmouth, with a large train of nobility and gentry, was sent thither, and a descent

* P. 44, No. 164; p. 40, No. 125; p. 30, No. 51; p. 48, No. 10; p. 77, No. 69.

† Browne to Williamson, April 20, p. 43, No. 153.

‡ Browne to Williamson, June 11, p. 172, No. 50.

§ S. Taylor to Williamson, April 6, p. 16, No. 113.

|| Ibid, April 11 and 18, p. 26, No. 20; p. 38, No. 115.

¶ Salesbury to Williamson, April 18, p. 38, No. 114; Comm. to Dean, April 20, p. 43.

was for some time expected, and even hoped for by a few ; but the fleet passed onwards, and some people still flattered themselves that the Dutch had no greater object in view than to land and steal sheep.*

At Margate, several companies of the Scotch regiment were stationed, and Col. Titus ordered a meeting of the trained bands, to see that their arms were in readiness.†

The ships in the Medway had been placed by the Duke of York under the special charge of Sir Edw. Spragg; his courage and experience had been several times tested during the late war, but he was disliked by the people, as being an "Irish papist." He was furnished with several fire-ships. Prizes and other useless vessels about Sheerness were ordered into safer places;‡ ships were stationed at Gillingham, to stretch across the river a strong chain§ to protect it, and beyond this, the King's ships were chiefly moored. All were now in anxious suspense, as the majestic fleet moved onwards, unopposed, and letter after letter was despatched to Court by the coast residents. Carlisle, a custom-house officer at Dover, and a constant correspondent of Williamson, writes thus:—

"Sir,

"Dover, June 10th, 1667.

"I need to acquaint you that the Dutch fleet is got into the Swale, or nearer the mouth of Chatham river; but what their intentions are we know not. Here is come news of a party of Dutch landed in Thanet, as it is said, about 100, but forced to retreat by the Scotch soldiers there, with the loss of some of their men. If this be true, I shall give it you more at large in my next.

* Newby to Hicks, and Ross to Williamson, June 11, p. 171, Nos. 48, 49.

† Smith to Williamson, April 8, p. 20, No. 141.

‡ Coventry to the Navy Comrs. April 6, p. 15, No. 105; Coventry to Pepys, April 23, p. 50, No. 27.

§ Pett to the Navy Comrs. April 27, p. 58, No. 74; May 10, p. 87, No. 16.

"The troop which quarters here is ordered to march away, but whither not known. The Train Bands at Canterbury, Sittingbourne, &c. are all in arms, and marching towards Chatham. The beacons are afire. The deputy lieutenants of this county met yesterday, so that I hope the county is in a very good condition to entertain the enemy, if they attempt to land. Not any news of the French fleet,

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"I am, Sir,

"Your most humble servant,

"To Mr. Joseph Williamson,
at Whitehall."

"JO. CARLISLE."*

The landing on the Isle of Thanet proved to be a false alarm. The following letter was written the same day by one of the deputy lieutenants of Kent:—

"WILL,

"The alarm I presume you have not enough. Sir H. is marched to Lee, and the greatest part of his regiment. The enemy hath burnt barns and houses in Canvey Island, and this night, about 4, Sir H. sent me word that they were fallen back to the Buoy in the Nore. He presumes they will attempt Wakering and Foulness, and other places.

"Sir Jn. Altham is come hither this evening, and says my Lord's regiment will be here to-morrow: if they come without powder, as we presume they will, this town cannot furnish them with above half a barrel. You must needs send with all speed 10 barrels at least.

"I have nothing to add but service.

"JO. BRAMSTON."†

"Chelmsford, 10 June 1667.

"For Mr. Wm. Herries, at his chamber in
Lincoln's Inn, London. For his
Majesty's especial service."

The following day, June 11, the Isle of Sheppey, with Sheerness fort, was attacked. A correspondent from Deal writes on June 12, to Williamson:—

"MR. SECRETARY,

"Yesterday morning, letters to Governor Titus, from the Isle of Sheppey, and those parts, speak the Dutch landed an army

* Vol. CCIV., No. 43.

† Vol. CCIV., No. 45.

in that island. Reports since say 'tis in the enemy's possession, which has given our whole country an alarm. The Shire foot, adjoining to the Ports, are marched away, and indeed we left alone, so that if any attempt should be made, the enemies might quickly obtain their desires. Our company, under Col. Titus, and commanded by Capt. Poole, watch 30 a night. Our whole day's work yesterday was to put our handful of men in the best posture we can. 'Tis hoped his Majesty will be graciously pleased to send some trained companies to our assistance, and call back our neighbour's trained bands. I am commanded by you to show you the opinion and report of the country, but if I should write all, I should first request for a pardon, for mouths are now very loose.

"But Sir, I am,

"Your obedient Servant,

"RL. WATTS."*

A further account was given by Williamson's brother, who thus writes to him from Rochester, 11th June:—

"For news, all that I can give you at present is that yesterday, about 7 o'clock, the Dutch, after some small dispute, possessed themselves of Sheerness, which is now believed to be burned, much smoke being seen all this day that way. His Excellency the Lord General was this day at Chatham, by 5 o'clock, and hath put things into the best posture, as the time and convenience would give him leave. They now lie with their main fleet opposite to Queenbury, which is reported they are possessed of, many of the people of the Isle of Sheppey being come from thence. Five of their fleet are turned up within a league of our fire-ships in Chatham; it is expected they will attempt something to-morrow by 12 o'clock, the tide then giving them an opportunity of advantage.

"I am hastened by the post, But ever am

"Yours whilst

"For Joseph Williamson, Esq., Keeper of his Majesty's Papers of State at Whitehall, London." †

"GEO. WILLIAMSON."†

The next day the same correspondent sends a hasty note,

* Vol. CCIV., No. 82.

† Vol. CCIV., No. 47.

saying that he has seen a sad sight that day, and fears it will not be otherwise to-morrow.

On Wednesday, June 12, a national disgrace was inflicted, which was remembered for years, with bitterness on the one part, and triumph on the other; even the lapse of two centuries has not effaced the recollection of it on either side. The Dutch fleet, or rather a detachment of it, sailed up the Medway, forced the chain at Chatham, and with little opposition, burned several of the finest ships in the British navy, and carried off the largest, the Royal Charles, to be sent as a trophy to Holland.

The following detailed account of the attack, taken from the Dutch point of view, is translated from a contemporaneous fly-sheet, printed at Amsterdam. Two-thirds of the paper are occupied by a plan of the river from London to Orford, with another on a larger scale, from Rochester to the Isle of Sheppey, representing the scene of the disaster:—

"Short and reliable account of all that has happened in the river of London, and in the haven of Chatham, Sheppey, &c., 9-13 June 1667."

"The Dutch fleet set sail 1st June 1667, under command of Lieut.-Admiral de Ruyter. On the 4th, a heavy storm arose from the South South-west, by which some ships were forced to cut their anchors; but on the 7th, they again came safely to anchor before the river of London. On this the admiral put out a signal for all the principal officers to come on board, and hold a council of war, how they might best sail up the river of London, with some of the lightest ships, to see whether they could there take some of the King's ships.

"Thereupon on the 9th, 17 ships of war, four advice boats, and four fire-ships sailed up the river Thames, under command of Lieut.-Admiral Van Ghent, with whom went De Witt as deputy of their High Mightinesses [the States General] in the ship Agatha. The

* The original gives the dates in the new style, but, to avoid confusion, they are here reduced to the old style.



same evening they arrived between Queenborough and Gravesend ; but there being nothing to be done there, on the 10th they came back to Queenborough, where De Ruyter had sent *Star*, with some ships to support them. Having returned to the river of Rochester, conquering the island Sheppey, and Queenborough, a stronghold lying thereon, they thought good to attack the fort of Sheerness, which the English were beginning to make, a little while before, for defence of the passage to Rochester and Chatham. Our cannons so stormed the place that the enemy left it, before Col. Dolman, who had been sent for by some messengers, had arrived.

"Our people found there an entire royal magazine, with very heavy anchors and cables, and hundreds of masts. Our people took on board the ships as many of the cables, masts, and round woods as they could, and they also acquired 15 heavy pieces, shooting balls of 18 lbs.; the rest was destroyed or rendered useless, and the magazine burnt. The damage done to the English at this island was estimated at more than four tons of gold. It is a beautiful and fruitful island. Every one was strictly forbidden, on pain of heavy punishment, to injure the inhabitants, in life or goods.

"On the 12th, the wind being E. N. E., they sailed before the tide about four miles up the river of Chatham, under command of Thomas Tobins. There they made a severe attack. Before their coming, the English had sunk there seven fire-ships, and enclosed the river with a thick and heavy iron chain, running on pulleys, which turned on wheels. Six of their ships, distributed in good order, lay before the chain ; at the one end lay four, and at the other end two stout frigates which crossed the water. This notwithstanding, the Dutch, with more than mortal boldness, made an attack against all these dangers. Capt. Brakel offered himself, and attacking with his frigate an English frigate called the *Jonathan*, of 40 guns, took it, and burnt another English frigate by means of a fire-ship ; then the other four ships were left by their comrades, the crews in confusion sprang overboard, and our people took the ship *Royal Charles*, fitted to bear 100 pieces of cannon, and with 32 guns on board : it was formerly commanded by the English Admiral Monk. Nothing more costly has been made in England, and it must have cost almost 100,000 dollars in the gilding alone. They also took the *Charles V.*, which, with two others of the largest ships, the *Matthias* and *Castle of Honingen*, are burnt. The chain was burst into pieces, and 'all within it destroyed and annihilated ;

so that the English lose the admirals of the Red and White Flag, besides others of their largest ships, as the Royal Charles, the Royal Oak, the Loyal London, the Royal James, which they had sunk; the Matthias, the Charles V., the Castle of Honingen, and two stout frigates, the one named the Friendship or Jonathan; besides two other large ships, and a good number of fire-ships, which they had sunk to stop the passage.

"On land our people did not do much, for all was in commotion, and the English, with 12,000 men, came against them in arms; so the Dutch abandoned the places which they had taken, and came again, with their ships, into the river Thames. Vice-Admiral Van Ghent was personally present throughout, and, with other brave heroes of our fatherland, manfully forwarded this great work. God keep them henceforth, and give them yet more success in their actions, that beloved peace may again descend from heaven upon us, and pride be put down.

"The merchant's ships they will burn; oh tell
Him first he should guard his own shores well!
For rumour reports, all the country over,
That the wolf was burned in his own cover."*

Thus far the Dutch version of the story. The most detailed contemporary English accounts are given in the following letters; the first is a private letter, addressed to Lord Conway:—

"London, 15 June 1667.

"RIGHT HONORABLE,

"Since my last, here hath been such an alarm that the fear of a press of horses hath emboldened me to send two of mine at your honour's stable for six or eight days, hoping in that space I may remove them again without any danger. In the meantime, I humbly beg your honour's pardon for my boldness herein.

"Touching the Dutch fleet's transactions, I conceive you'll have it from a better hand than mine; nevertheless what I hear, shall trouble your lordship withall. After having beaten off Sir Edw. Spragg from Sheerness Fort Tuesday, which was easily done, it

not being in posture of defence, (for the which Sir Edward is much blamed, &c.,) the next day they did as easily force the chain* (which some say was fastened with cable yarn), and came up, 10 frigates, with as many fire-ships, and burnt the Unity, the Amity, and the Mathias. The Royal Charles, having 30 guns mounted, did fire upon them as long as they had ammunition, which was soon spent, and so the Dutch became masters of her, and put up their flag. In the meanwhile, the general caused the next approaching ships to be sunk, to hinder further progress, viz., the Royal James, the Royal Oak, and the London, with two fire-ships; so they went off at that time, endeavouring to carry away the Charles, but she struck, so could not get her off at that tide, yet kept men aboard her.

"Thursday they came on again, at the top of the tide, the wind still their great friend; and not being able to pass with their frigates those ships that were sunk, they stayed till the tide was half spent, and so burnt all the upper part of those three ships, viz., Oak, James, and London, which was all they did at that time, leaving still the Charles fast.

"Yesterday they made another attempt, but the general had so well provided by that time that they were beaten off without any action, and this morning the like; so now they have left that river, and 'tis said fired the Charles at last, we having yet 11 good ships remaining, which his Majesty gave all for lost, whose anger and discontent hereupon I must leave your lordship to judge, for he told plainly to the citizens that he was betrayed, and that none but the Duke of York, Prince Rupert, the Lord General, and Archbishop of Canterbury were for the arming the fleet; and so the greater part of his Council did over-sway, much against his own opinion, which was to treat with his sword in his hand. Some considerable person standing by, endeavouring to excuse it, and that he was also of that opinion, the King, in great anger, gave him the lie, and the next day did openly reproach his Council at the council table. In the meantime, some unruly people did cut down most of the young trees planted about Clarendon House, and broke many of the windows.

* Another account says that they did not force it till after two and a half hours' hard fighting, and blowing up one guard ship after another (p. 215, No. 100).

" Nothing but various news of the French all this while; some say they appeared about the Isle of Wight, but not confirmed."

" There is a rumour of calling a Parliament, but I believe it not. A commission is issued for the raising of 10,000 foot, and 2,500 horse, of which the Lord of Manchester to be general, Sir Wm. Waller, Sir Robt. Howard, and Col. Inglesby to be some of the colonels, which startles some. Reported that the lord general is or is to be created Lord High Constable.

" The Dutch are still at the buoy and Ower, and some say fortifying of the island of Sheppey; others say they are designed for Newcastle, to destroy the coal fleet, which commodity is already risen here to 6*l.* per chaldron. We are pretty quiet this night, (though still in arms,) hoping there will be no more hurt done at Chatham, in which transaction were lost above 500 men. There were many English aboard the Dutch ships, who said they came for money for their tickets, &c., which is what passed to my knowledge. So with my bumble respects and service, I crave leave to subscribe

" Your Lordship's

" Most bumble servant."

" To the Right Honorable Lord Viscount Conway and Kilultagh, at his house at Ragley in Warwickshire; to be left for conveyance with the postmaster at Coventry."

The next extract is from a letter of news addressed to Williamson:—

" The enemy appearing at the Nore on the 9th, stood up towards the Hope, and on the 10th in the morning, fired eight or nine inconsiderable bouzes on Canvey island, on Essex side, and stole a few sheep, and then turned towards Sheerness, the wind being easterly, which they suddenly assaulted, and in a dispute of about two hours, made themselves masters of it; which when we saw, we endeavoured then, by sinking ships in the narrowest part of the river, to block it up; but all was ineffectual, for our outward guard being worsted at Sheerness, and unable to resist their force, could maintain no place good while they came to the chain,

which, on the 12th, they, having got a considerable number of men-of-war and fire-ships over our sunken bottoms, assaulted, and although as manfully resisted as any men under the sun could do, yet was overpowered, and all the guards fired and destroyed, and the chain broke by their number of ships pressing at it, and then they made themselves masters of the Royal Charles, who now is going for Holland.

"Yesterday, at about one of the clock, they sailed with five men-of-war before Upnor Castle, where they were as well received by Major Scott and Captain Winter, and as warmly handled as they could desire; but yet they lay battering, while five fire-ships came up by the men-of-war, two of which, attempting the firing of the Royal Oak, missed their design, and had not a third come, had been preserved; the other two fired the Royal James and Loyal London, which done, they retired.* And having had this day's time to provide for to-morrow, I could wish now that they would dare to taste of our provision; but their bellies are full, I am confident; which sir, with my very humble service,

"I remain,

"Your affectionate servant,

JOHN CONNY, Surgeon."†

"Chatham,

"June 14th, 1667."

The following letter was intercepted by a vigilant post office clerk because addressed to a "grand rebel:"—

"The Dutch forced the chain below Chatham, sunk two ships which were upon the guard thereof, took the Charles; though she be stranded since, and fired twice by our men, they have carried her off. They attempted all the navy, and had it not been for Albemarle, who went down himself with forces from London, and came pat in time, they had destroyed it quite; but by means of two platforms made on a sudden, on each side the river, they were beaten back with great loss, as the prisoners say which leapt out of their stranded ships; but they forced us to sink the James, Katherine, and Oak Royal, and three other great ships we had taken from them. This is the whole account of this brisk attempt. They are now fallen down, and lie in the Gunfleet.

* Another account mentions that the Dutch lost two ships, stranded at Upnor, and three fired by themselves (p. 215, No. 100).

† Vol. CCV., No. 74.

" You may wonder our blockhouses did so little service against them ; but their captains, being questioned, are come off well, having made it appear that they have long since made their defects known to the Council ; some wanted guns, some platforms to mount them upon, and carriages, others bullets, others had bullets too big for their guns. Their answer from the Council was, they needed not to trouble themselves, for the peace being as good as concluded, they would not order any more money to be issued. Albemarle foresaw this long since, and told the King in council that, whatever it should cost him to set forth his fleet once more, it would be the cheapest way to make peace with his sword drawn ; but it was overruled by the good husbands of the Council, at which he storms very much now, and hath made the King resent it too ; so that if a peace be not presently clapt up, you may hear more of it hereafter, to the prejudice of some grandees.

" During this alarm, we had all our trained bands together, and the volunteer troops in better mien, and stronger than ever I saw them, which made me like them very well, because they put me in mind of my old regiment, who were observed never to be so strong or handsome as when they were going to fight ; but they are all dismissed, till further orders, only some few are kept together for a while, *pour bienseance*, and to cool the courages of the Presbyterians, who rejoiced at the business, and bragged (particularly in Okingham), that the Dutch would not acquiesce till they were suffered to preach again publicly, &c. * * * * *

" I remain, but cannot say rest,

" Dear brother,

" Billingbear,

" Your faithful servant,

²⁰ June 1667.

" R. NEVILLE " *

" To Sir Hen. Neville, Rome. "

Bad as the case was, many tongued rumour made it far worse ; it was reported that not only was Chatham burnt, but also Queenborough, Gravesend, Harwich, Colechester, and Dover ; that the King had abandoned the reins of Government, and escaped no one knew where ; † that

* Vol. CCVI., No. 116 l.

† P. 177, No. 3 ; p. 186, No. 63 ; p. 200, No. 12.

Lord Douglas was dead, and the Lord-General shot, and rumours of treason were rife in all quarters.

The further movements of the Dutch did not correspond with their vigorous beginning. The fortresses of Gravesend, Tilbury, and the Tower alone lay between them and London; they were probably aware, from their intimate connexion with the discontented party in England, that these forts were ill supplied with ammunition, and out of repair, and that their fleet could scarcely be intercepted, had they chosen to advance to the Metropolis itself. But the eager flocking of the militia to defend the coasts, and the popular enthusiasm for defence, daily becoming more obvious and general, probably prevented any further attempt. At the turn of the tide, on June 14th, they were expected to return, and the more ardent Englishmen hoped to wipe off the late insult by inflicting a heavy blow upon the enemy.* But hopes and fears were alike disappointed; the fleet slowly retired, and by the 16th, had fallen down to the Buoy of the Nore.†

After the first panic created by the tidings of a disaster so unprecedented had subsided, its causes became the subject of general discussion.

The unprotected state of the ships and forts, the feeble defence made by Upnor Castle, the dismissal of so many ships, and the divided condition of the rest, created the painful certainty of gross mis-management or of fatal treachery. Nor was the general discontent diminished by the fact that the sudden alarm of the Dutch landing was made a pretext for raising a regiment of horse, in 40 companies of 80 men each, amounting to 3,200

* Clapham to Pepys, June 14, p. 185, No. 58.

† P. 198, No. 127.

men, under command of Prince Rupert ; * and 12 new regiments of standing troops, 1,000 men in each.

These latter, the King, to conciliate the people, placed under the command of Lord Fairfax, the Earl of Manchester, and others who had formerly served in the Parliamentary army.

The people felt that the navy, their great stronghold against foreign invasion, had been grossly neglected, and that now they should be called upon to support troops which might as readily be turned against themselves as against the enemy. Under these circumstances, it was not always easy to find men willing to enter the ranks.

The state of general feeling is fairly depicted in the following letters ; they are all addressed to Williamson except the second, which is to a lady not named :—

"SIR,

"I hope ere long to wait upon you, though no business more than to see you in this time of affliction. I know you cannot but grieve, as all good subjects do, to see his Majesty's and our enemies thus insult upon us. The generality of people not only grieve, but suggest their discontent against those that counselled the King to sell Dunkirk ; that also caused the strength of Upnor Castle to be taken away ; and in a grievous manner, against those intrusted for payment of the seamen ; and as high against those, whoever they were, that counselled the King to send his men-of-war (for the greatest part) into several parts of the world, and to leave himself naked, as to a fleet, to look his enemies in the face, and expose his principal ships for strength, to the rage and violence of his enemies ; and they see their ruin in this transcend the ruin of the city by fire ; having at the sea for ever lost the honour of the nation, and must now bow and buckle to their enemies ; whereas ever formerly the King and

* Pp. 179-183.

kingdom stood and had dominion over them. And their great fear is, if special care be not had and continued, that they shall have their throats cut here, by some insurrection arising, the more encouraged by the power of our enemies at sea. This kind of discourse to all particulars, are frequent in the mouths of persons without number, in our yard, gate, or street before us. We are all in the hands of God. God, in mercy divert His judgments, preserve his Majesty, and bless him with all assistance from Heaven and earth, that his enemies may yet dread, fear, and bow before him. So the Lord keep you is the prayer of

"Sir,

"Your most humble servant,

"J. H[ICKES]."

"June 14, 1667."

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"The merchants are undone. Our great bankers of money have shut up their shops. People are ready to tear their hair off their heads. Great importunity hath been used at Whitehall for a Parliament, and more particularly by Sir George Saville, but nothing will prevail; there is one great gownman against it, and all the bishops and Papists, and all those who have cozened and cheated the King. News came this day to the King the French are come from Brest, and appear before the Isle of Wight; some at Court give out that they are friends and not enemies. We expect the Dutch as far as Woolwich. People are fled from Greenwich and Blackwall, with their families and children. We are betrayed, let it light where it will.

"I am,

"Your humble servant,

"JOHN RUSHWORTH."†

"London,

"June 15, 1667."

"Deal,

"MR. SECRETARY,

"June 15, 1667.

"In obedience to your command, I humbly acquaint your Honour when we heard the Dutch were gone up the river, and some

* Vol. CCV., No. 64.

† Vol. CCV., No. 76.

of our best ships fired by them, and the Royal Charles in their possession, and little or no opposition, the common people, and almost all others ran mad, some crying out we were sold, others that there were traitors in the Council; then the loss of Dunkirk, the dividing of the fleet, the disbanding the army, the non-payment of the seamen, and permitting so many merchant ships to go out of the land, and several other things were called in question. And truly, had not the news suddenly changed, they would undoubtedly have rose and attempted strange things. Amongst the rest, great blame is laid upon the paymasters of the navy; and as our seamen say, (for we have above 300 in the service), his Majesty is abused, for some of our neighbours have stayed two years and eighteen months for their pay, and yet have offered 8s. in the pound for their ticket money, and cannot get it. As it is at and near Deal, it is all the country over.

Yesterday Col. Titus commanded both young and old of Deal to go and work at Sandown Castle, and there they have made breast-works of turf upon the stone walls. This day I was at Sandwich; the mayor and jurats there have commanded all to rise up and, mend the decayed turf walls round about that town, themselves and chief men assisting and directing; they will want only artillery and ammunition. God divert His judgments is the prayer of Sir,

"Your obedient servant,

"R. WATTS."

"Sir,

"Every moment is now full of fears, and expectation of worse news than what alarmed us at Kettering last Friday. Lord! that it was possible that after the first tidings of the Dutch fleet coming out upon some desperate design, no platforms were raised, nor sufficient cannons mounted, and soldiers sent to make a considerable defence! How strangely were all our councillors lulled into a dead sleep of security, that nothing less than so mortal a blow and irreparable loss could awaken them. Must we be the first that are registered to posterity for casting or giving away our principal arms, both of offence and defence, while we treat with a numerous, malicious, armed, and active enemy? I beseech you, Sir,

be pleased to give me, but this once, a true narrative of the whole, and I assure you I shall not be so bold with you hereafter. I think the sight of a numerous army of invaders, and the standing in the front of a little handful of defenders of our nation could not have so amazed and quite distracted me, as this last unpardonable mischance, the mischievous consequences whereof my heart is not large enough to conceive. Is there any hope to regain our honour abroad? to resist the force of an invader, if we shall have any? to cover the shame from our own eyes, and to stop the mouths and manacle the hands of had men at home, who have ever maligned and would fain be plucking down the Court?

"Just now I hear that one of the gang that came yesterday from London saith, 'All God's judgments past, nay, this present fatal loss and danger hath not put a check to the debauchery and drunkenness of the great ones.' Yesterday some others of them at Islip said that this was known and expected divers weeks, yea some months since, and no better could be expected, for the Popish and profane party were in so great credit above others, that they would never be quiet till they had ruined all. Some such expressions drop from some of that gang that would fain have the King lower and themselves higher; and I the more fear, because they generally in word profess great trouble of mind for this disaster, and hopes that it is not true, which is said while they keep a fleeing countenance. Here is not a man to be got that can furnish himself with a horse to come as a soldier to London, whenas last year, in three or four days, I got many, and more offered themselves than could be accepted. They that went last year spent what they were worth, many of them, and brought home nothing but sickness and poverty, under which they still languish; yet, if they could be furnished with horses, some of them would venture, and others also. If there be need of troops, the King must commissionate such persons who live in the country, and are well known; though they are not yet so fit for commands as old soldiers, and some courtiers, yet they may prove good officers, and their credit with the people will invite them to engage; and when they are abroad, they may be directed by men of good conduct. I know you are busy, and we are almost mad; I shall therefore only add my humble service to you, and rest ever,

"Your most obliged and faithful

"Servant in all things,

"Lowick, June 16, 1667."

"J. BENTHAM."

"My cousin Syers will be at home from the Bath about ten days hence. It's said also that there is no ammunition in the Tower, stores, and blockhouses, but conveyed away; that at Boston in Lincolnshire, not one piece of cannon to keep off an enemy, and the reporters being warned to take heed what they said, the authors of the first story said they heard it openly enough affirmed at London, and therefore feared not. The reporter of the latter was an eye witness of the weakness of the place, I mean Boston, and much afflicted at it. But I'll trouble you with no more, except I light of anything that strikes at the Government, or may discover a wicked design."*

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"Hull, 16th June 1667.

"We are here much terrified at the unexpected news of the Dutch firing four of our great ships and taking one, and 10 more being in great danger; and some do not stick to say things were better ordered in Cromwell's time, for then seamen had all their pay, and were not permitted to swear, but were clapped in the bilboes; and if the officers did, they were turned out, and then God gave a blessing to them; but now all men are for making themselves great, and few mind the King and the nation's interest, but mind plays and women, and fling away much money that would serve to pay the seamen. This is the seamen's discourse. Our garrison is much out of repair; very many of our gun carriages are very bad, and almost past using. This all at present from,

"Sir,

"Your very humble servant,

"CHARLES WHITTINGTON."†

"Minehead, June 18, 1667.

"WORTHY SIR,

"The sad news of the enemy's success in their last attempt grieves and dismays us very much in these parts. I cannot inform you what the rebellious and ill affected people say or do, for I never associate myself with them; but the moderate and sober people think that there was a great deal of negligence and treachery in this last business. One reason they give is in respect Sheerness Fort was so ill manned, the enemy attempting the river the day before, which was time enough to secure the fort, or to

* Vol. CCV., No. 117.

† Vol. CCV., No. 128.

send the shipping higher into the river. All the Dutch preparations must signify that they had some desperate designs afoot, which was not unknown to all his Majesty's officers concerned in securing the forts and shipping upon the river.

"It startles the people the more, because this act of hostility should be committed with that strength and violence, we being upon a treaty of peace with them; and it gave all the nation the greater hopes, in regard his Majesty made little or no preparation for war. I am afraid it will tend more to the dishonour of England than the loss amounts to; I hope it is not so great as the malevolent rumour it; that Chatham, Rochester, and other towns are burnt by them, and 16 great ships.

"The great God preserve his Majesty, and all his faithful councillors and subjects, and discover those that violate his Majesty or kingdoms, either through negligence or treachery, which is and shall be the prayer of

"Your faithful servant,

"JOHN MAURICE.

"The people impute much of this miscarriage to Sir Edw. Spragg, rendering him to be an Irish Papist."*

"SIR,

"The success of the Dutch in burning some of our ships have put these people in great fears, and much discourse here of treachery above, and that some great persons were guilty and fled, amongst whom they say my Lord Chancellor; as also they say places of trust put out of faithful men's hands into Papists', as that of Col. Legg to be governor of the Tower, and Sir John Robinson turned out, and 20 such like stories, I presume broached by some fanatics, to amuse the people, and render his Majesty's service odious.

Since Thursday last, we have not had any soldiers in the town; seeing Lowestoft, Southwold, Dunwich, and Aldborough without any force, but all drawn down towards Landguard fort, the people have carried almost all their goods out of town, looking on themselves ruined people, being not able to make little resistance [*sic*] if the Dutch should attempt anything, which they may easily do, and burn the whole town, four or five hours before any help can come, they being so far distant from us. The last night we could not see

* Vol. CCVI., No. 43.

any sails near us, or in the Gunfleet, it being so thick. This morning it's not light enough to discover anything. On Sunday last, towards night, a great Dutch man-of-war came out of the east and stood to the southward.

"This is all at present from,

"Your most humble servant,

"Aldborough,

"RICH. BROWNE."

"June 18, 1667.

Deal, June 18, 1667.

"The ruder sort will now be gaping. None abuse their judgments so much as to blaspheme his most sacred Majesty, but desperate onteries against some great persons who they commonly name. I have several times been in great danger, desiring them out of their passion. Most eminent people of this place have sent their goods to Sandwich or Canterbury. We had great hopes the report of three regiments of horse and foot would have come to guard our ports; but as yet the adjacent regiments unto the sea are not returned, so if the enemy should come on shore, we have not 300 men to go to the three castles and secure our coasts. We watch every night, 30 at least.

"Sir, I am

"Your faithful and obliged servant,

"RL. WATTS."†

The following is from a private letter of a business agent of Viscount Conway, addressed to him:

"June 29.

"Upon the first attempt of the Dutch at Chatham, here was such an astonishment upon men's hearts that every one went to his goldsmith to recall his monies, but they were all sent back empty handed, and the King was forced to set forth a declaration, to save the said goldsmiths from being so much persecuted as they were. Since that, people's hearts are a little better settled, though we still lie under the same prejudice of uncertainty as before.

"As to matter of peace from Breda, 'tis written that the common people in Holland are so satisfied, since the late loss and disgrace

* Vol. CCVI., No. 47.

† Vol. CCVI., No. 48.

never to be forgotten by us, that they talk no more of peace, but on such high terms as I hope we are not yet so low as to submit unto them, though I confess we are lower already than I did ever fear to see poor England, and in such a strait as we know not scarce how to help ourselves. The calling of a Parliament doth sufficiently testify the extremity we are in, and God grant that may find some means to redress us.

"His Majesty, in order I suppose to a compliance with them, hath taken off some of those difficulties which they so much insisted upon in the last assembly; viz., the government of Windsor from my Lord Mordaunt; the commission of Sir Geo. Carteret some say removed to my Lord of Anglesey; and the charter of the Canary Company called in.

"The Duke of Buckingham rendered himself yesterday to the Tower, in submission to his Majesty's proclamation, taking a pretext for his long delay, that there was no time limited in the said proclamation; but he is out, or is to be out again this day, and to be received in Council again, and some say my Lord of Bristol also.

"Something of moderation in the Church government is thought will be ordered before this session; if not, there will be a compliance to what the Parliament may insist upon in that concern; and 'tis talked that the way of raising a good sum of money for the present necessity, and for a continuance also, will be by means of an inland excise on all that is used by the buyer, viz., for back or belly, as it is in Holland; which will be the least burdensome, and will soon raise a considerable sum, both to defend ourselves and to offend our enemies, which at present we are not in a capacity of either; the more is the pity to say it.

"The Dutch fleet is still roving to and fro from the Gunfleet to the Downs, and sometimes into this river. Two days past, they were 120 sail of Dutch vessels and Danes within five miles of Gravesend, which gave us as bad an alarm as that of Chatham, but it was past without any further attempt, Woolwich and Gravesend being now well provided, which had they had the courage to come on when they got into Chatham, or two days after, they might have spoiled all that was in this river as far as the Tower, so that it was a great providence that our negligent security caused no greater prejudice; and indeed I am almost ashamed to say that Woolwich is now in a very good posture of defence, (Sir Edw. Spragg being vice-admiral of the squadron there,) and that there

is such a breach in the walls of our nation, that we are forced to make inner works; never was England brought to such an extremity, never so benumbed with such a lethargy, that, seeing our enemies so watchful, so providing, and at last so provided, we still were so resolutely blind as not to endeavour the prevention of those miseries which almost every eye could have easily foreseen; but the observation of the old heathen takes place, *quos Jupiter vult perdere, prius dementat*. However, after all this complaint, I will yet hope that God will have mercy upon us, and that we may once more be in a capacity to defend ourselves and to terrify our enemies.

"The King hath committed the care of building a fort at Sheerness Point to the Court of Aldermen, who have undertaken it with much cheerfulness, and will be soon in a posture."*

As the tidings of the disaster at Chatham gradually spread into the country, letters flocked in from Williamson's correspondents in all quarters, expressing discontent, indignation, alarm, despair, or loyalty, according to the varying principles or circumstances of the writers.

At Newcastle, "people were at their wits' end at the news of the attack of the Dutch, but some say that six fire-ships have fired four of the best Dutch ships; meanwhile the town walls are to be repaired, guns planted, a fort built at Tynemouth castle, and the vessels drawn up the river for safety; but the people generally give up the place for lost."†

At Whitby "people are much perplexed that the Dutch vapour so publicly in the Thames."‡ Burlington is sorry to hear of the Dutch insult, but hopes, ere this, the King's forces will have repulsed them,§ and while the sad news of the South raised alarm, it caused the place to be put in a good posture of defence; the fort was vigorously gone on with, Sir Robt. Hildyard, the

* Vol. CCVII., No. 113.

† P. 194, No. 86.

‡ P. 192, No. 96; p. 205, No. 38.

§ P. 194, No. 87.

"governor, being daily present, and the trained bands
"raised and quartered at the sea-side."

At Lynn "the news of the burning of our ships by the
"Hollanders causes strange discourse."*

At Yarmouth, the seamen were much enraged, and
"every one talks at a strange rate," whilst the drums beat
for volunteers to enlist under Lord Townshend. †

At Lyme, the people were much startled, but expressed
great readiness to serve when called. ‡

At Plymouth "the news of the Dutch fleet lying in the
"Thames makes many look sadly." §

At Falmouth, the alarm was increased by the sight of a
fleet of 50 or 60 sail cruising off the Land's End, and it
caused great murmuring that no preparations for resistance
were made.

At Minehead, "the loss of the shipping in the harbour
"was resented as the greatest dishonour that ever the
"King and kingdom lay under, especially when discourses
"and preparations were but of peace."||

At Hull, the people were "afflicted but not daunted,
"and care was taken to suppress intestine enemies and
"repulse invaders."¶

Chester, a stronghold of Nonconformity, was "much
"perplexed. Some said we were asleep, or should have
"fortified ourselves, knowing the enemy near. All con-
"cluded that there was treachery in the business, and
"hoped the contrivers would receive the reward due to
"those who betray King and country."**

In Bristol, a place notoriously disaffected, the mayor
thought fit to open such letters as he found directed to

* P. 203, No. 25.

§ P. 187, No. 70.

† P. 210, No. 65.

|| P. 200, No. 6.

** P. 210, No. 64.

‡ P. 209, No. 60.

¶ P. 201, No. 16.

suspected persons, and to forward them to the Government authorities.*

At such a crisis, the bankrupt state of the exchequer, and its consequent inability to proceed on credit, told seriously. The utmost difficulty was experienced in obtaining ready money. The Ordnance Commissioners, who had previously lent 40,000*l.*, to be repaid from the eleven months' tax, consented to lend 20,000*l.* more.† But everything connected with the naval service was in arrear; the dockyards ill supplied, the men ill paid, or rather unpaid, for months and even years.

Want of money was the unfailing response to any request for expedition; ships could not be despatched from Chatham unless money were sent, because there was nothing in store for cleaning them; ‡ and the workmen in the yard were so discontented for want of pay that, in the crisis of actual danger, the Duke of Albemarle could only persuade three out of 1,100 to face peril in attending to their business.§ The certainty of a run upon the exchequer also led the creditors of those who had advanced money for the King to press upon them in a manner calculated to weaken their credit; a proclamation was therefore issued, declaring the King's stedfast resolution to preserve to such of his subjects as had lent money on assignments on the revenue the money thus secured to them, and to continue the same course in future.||

On June 21st, the King sent a circular letter to Lord

* P. 198, No. 1.

† Warrants to Legg, April 19 and June 12, pp. 40, 175.

‡ Pett to the Navy Comrs. April 5, p. 14, No. 95, and April 26, p. 57, No. 74.

§ Coventry to the Navy Comrs. June 14, p. 185, No. 59.

|| June 18, p. 204.

Chancellor Clarendon, to be communicated through him to the legal profession; another to the Lord Lieutenants of counties, for the nobility and gentry; and a third to the Archbishop of Canterbury for the clergy, urging his subjects to voluntary loans, as follows:—

“Right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Counsellor, we greet you well. Whereas the insolent spirit of our enemies hath prevailed so far with them as to make an invasion upon this our kingdom, which is in continual danger of their attempts upon the same, we hold ourself obliged to use all fit and proper means, both for the repelling of our said enemies, and the defence of our people; which, as it cannot be better, nor (as we conceive) otherwise done, than by the speedy raising of a considerable army, so neither can that be performed without good sums of money: we therefore, relying upon your wisdom and readiness to assist us and your country in this exigent, have thought fit to recommend the effectual consideration hereof unto you, and to require your utmost endeavours forthwith to dispose and quicken* the judges, serjeants, and other professors of the law in this our kingdom, to make a voluntary liberal advance of what sums of money they can afford, by way of loan, towards the supply of our present and pressing occasions in this time of public danger, and to be repaid them again out of the eleven months’ assessment in course. We will not doubt but that your endeavours, which we assure ourself you will engage to the utmost, will meet with so much loyalty and prudence in them, as easily to produce what we reasonably expect, a speedy and cheerful compliance with our necessities, in this so important a juncture of affairs. And so we bid you heartily farewell. Given at our Court at Whitehall, June 21st, 1667, in the nineteenth year of our reign.”†

The letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury contains the following additional clause:—

“And we are the rather induced to believe your labour herein will be successful, because you are to deal with a sort of persons

* In the letters to the Lord Lieutenants it runs:—“And quicken all our loyal subjects within your licutenancy, that are in a capacity of lending to make a voluntary,” &c.

† Entry Book 26, p. 11.

endued with discretion and ingenuity, who cannot forget what tenderness we have for them, what care to protect and support them, and how much their interest and welfare is involved in ours. But arguments and motives of this nature, we leave to your prudent management.*

This was followed, a few days later, by an appeal to the East India Company, as follows:—

“TRUSTY AND WELL-BELOVED,

“We greet you well. The exigency of our affairs in this conjuncture being such, and the difficulties of getting money upon whatsoever funds of credit for the present so great, we have been obliged to betake ourself to several ways of raising a supply for that part of our service which most presses; and among others, we have thought fit to apply to you for a present loan of 20,000*l.*, for the use of our navy, upon such full and clear security as our right trusty and well-beloved, the Duke of Albemarle, and Sir Wm. Coventry shall propose to you, which we will take care shall be most punctually made good. We remember well with what cheerfulness you have heretofore supplied us in like occasions; and we are sorry the exigency of our affairs, which cannot but be observed by yourselves at this time, obliges us to repeat the same desire to you again, contrary to the resolution we have taken to ourself of not drawing any part of your good-will into a precedent, to your own inconvenience; but such is the importance of this conjuncture, that we cannot think you will wonder if we be more than ordinary pressing in this desire, in which you will do us a very seasonable service; and we assure you it shall, upon occasion, be readily remembered to the advantage of your company, in any its concerns wherein you shall have need of our royal favour and protection. And so we bid you farewell. Given at our Court at Whitehall, the day of July 1667.”†

The citizens of London, roused to defend their trade and even their homes, were prudent enough not to trust their safety to the tardy incoming of compulsory loans; they offered 10,000*l.* to be expended entirely in

* Entry Book 26, p. 11 b.

† Vol. CCVIII., No. 90; Entry Book 17, p. 250.

fortifying Gravesend, Tilbury, Woolwich, Sheerness, and other places on the river; and Prince Rupert, assisted by Lord Craven, was commissioned to direct the proceedings.* Ammunition and ordnance stores were ordered off at once to Greenwich and Blackwall.† At Woolwich the men worked night and day, in fitting fire-ships, smacks, &c., as new orders were constantly coming from Prince Rupert or Sir Wm. Penn; and six ships were ordered to be laden with stones and sunk.‡ One of them was, in the haste, ill-chosen for such a purpose; it had on board 6,000*l.* or 7,000*l.* worth of cordage, which was thus lost at a time when all navy stores were in requisition. The mischief that might be done, should an enemy penetrate beyond Woolwich, appears from the fact that on June 18th, between that place and London Bridge, there were in the river, 70 bilanders, 70 or 80 smacks, and 377 other vessels, "some great, some less," besides 5 ships on the stocks;§ therefore at Woolwich a platform was raised, on which 60 pieces of ordnance were mounted,|| and 8 more ships were sent for to be sunk, to secure the passage¶ if needful.

The ships above alluded to were ordered to be pressed in the river, whenever suitable ones could be met with, but the owners refused to let them go without a month's pay in advance, on which Sir Wm. Coventry writes to the Navy Comrs. :—

"Concerning the ships to be taken up, I have acquainted the King with what you write. His Majesty thinks it hard that the

* The King to Prince Rupert, June 13, and to Sir H. Rider, June 15, pp. 179, 193, 238. Letter to the Lord Mayor, p. 256.

† Ordnance Comrs. to the Navy Comrs., June 13, p. 184, No. 52. Warrant to Ordnance Comrs., June 16, p. 196.

‡ Sir W. Penn to Pepys, June 15, p. 194, No. 107.

§ P. 208, No. 89. || P. 215, No. 100. ¶ P. 226, No. 160.

owners should press for a month's impress at this time, when their ships are taken up for the defence and security of their own as well as others' interests in the river. Besides, the King hath taken other men's ships, and sunk them, and may take theirs also in this case, as justly as the others. The intention at present is only to use them for the safety of the river of Thames; if they be used further, there will be opportunity of timely notice of it, and the owners in that case will have all reasonable satisfaction. Freight is intended them while employed in the river."*

On the morning of June 20th, the Dutch fleet of 52 vessels was said to be going homewards, but the noon of the same day brought accounts that they were making for Harwich, and that the town was in a distracted condition, preparing for an immediate attack.† Suspicions had been previously excited, because two small Dutch vessels had been seen sounding below Landguard Fort, and therefore seven colliers, and a ship of 20 guns, all disguised as men-of-war, with jack, ensign, and pendant, were laid across the arm of the sea, from Landguard Fort to the side beacon, with holes cut, ready to be sunk in case of the enemy's approach. Also Lord Oxford ordered several troops of horse and companies of militia into the town.

The dismay spread to the neighbouring ports. At Ipswich nine colliers were prepared to be sunk for security of the harbour.‡ At Yarmouth the Presbyterian party raised the cry of treachery, because there had been an attempt to leave the place in charge of Major Markham, who was disliked as being a Papist, and because the trained bands had been sent for to Newmarket,

* Vol. CCVI., No. 84.

† P. 217, Nos. 109, 110.

‡ P. 222, No. 140.

and none others sent in their room, and therefore the town left defenceless.*

The loyalists, on the other hand, were of good courage, as appears by the following extract from a letter of Sir Wm. Doyley, dated Yarmouth, June 22nd, 1 p.m. :—

"We have here 2,000 foot and 5 troops of good horse; if the enemy land, we resolve to sally with 1,000 foot and 4 troops, to try their metal upon the Downs. If they attack us by boats, we are prepared to make our defence to the utmost. A good ship is ready at the boom to be sunk, if there be occasion; two more are ready to be sunk at the pier head. Our guns are fixed, our hearts are up, and I am confident there's many of the officers and soldiers wish the Dutch were in the road. In my whole life I never saw so much ready resolution in men as I find here. Here's at least a thousand seamen in the port, some of which are designed and quartered at the several guns, others are forming into companies, under their leaders; all things are in good order.

"Present my humble duty to my lord-general, and to my Lord Arlington, and assure their lordships that we are resolved to give the King a good account of this place, or lay our bones here.

"Pray send the enclosed with all speed, so soon as you get to London. About 9 of the clock last night, the Dutch fleet were between Southwold and Lowestoft, stood into the sea, since which we have heard nothing from them. Let me hear from you.

"Yours most cordially to serve you,

WILLM. DOYLEY."†

For several days, the haziness of the weather prevented the vigilant coast-watchers from discerning the movements of the threatening fleet. On the 23rd and 24th, Sir Jos. Jordan was sent out with a few vessels to reconnoitre, but he reported only a small fleet of 10 or 12 ships, with De Ruyter amongst them, four or five leagues distant; and this fleet, uncertain in the mist of the number of the opponents, retired on their approach.‡

* P. 219, 220, Nos. 126, 127; p. 223, No. 146; p. 225, No. 137; p. 227, No. 169.

† Vol. CCVI., No. 147. ‡ P. 227, No. 170; p. 230, No. 11.

At 9 p.m. on the 26th, the Wivunhoe fishing vessels discovered a very large fleet, standing towards the Buoy of the Nore; as the number was estimated at 160 or 180 sail, the French fleet was believed to have joined with the Dutch: an express was sent to court, though some doubts were expressed as to the veracity of the report. The few succeeding days were passed in alternations of hope and fear. A Margate correspondent surmises on the 28th, that the Dutch have no order to land any forces, but merely to lie on the coast, hinder trading to London, and prevent the English fleet abroad from returning; since when the wind is easterly, they lie in the river, knowing that ships cannot well come from north and south, but when it is westerly, they lie on the sand between Harwich and North Foreland, to discover it.*

De Ruyter meanwhile sent a boat with a white flag to Broadstairs, for fresh provisions, for which he promised to pay well, but his demand was not responded to, and four men who ventured on board the Dutch fleet were sent to prison on their return.†

The Dutch sent several vessels within the Ness, and it was feared that they intended to fortify the Isle of Sheppey. Their doing so would at once make them owners of 16,000 or 17,000 head of cattle, then on the island, and by commanding the ferries, they would master both rivers at once.‡ This fear was soon dissipated, by their standing out of the river.§ By June 29th, part of the fleet was as high as the Hope, and a strong detachment, under Admiral Van Ghent, had been sent northward, to intercept Sir Jeremy Smith's fleet then on the North-eastern coast,|| taking *en route* a Scottish vessel

* P. 237, Nos. 30, 31; p. 241, No. 83.

† P. 241, Nos. 83, 84.

‡ P. 243, No. 100.

§ P. 249, No. 129.

|| P. 244, Nos. 101, 102.

with 200 men, who, refusing quarter, were all sunk, and causing apprehension even as far as Edinburgh.*

At Harwich meanwhile vigorous preparations were making. A correspondent, writing on the 29th, says :†—

“There are no endeavours remitted here, either for fitting fire-ships (of which there are 18 pretty well manned and provided with necessaries,) and fortifying this place with batteries; to the former, planted in all the quays and convenient places of this town, is newly added one of seven or eight guns upon the Beacon Hill, which may gall the enemies’ shipping in their coming in, especially if the cannon of the fort should make any of them endeavour their entrance on this side the river, where some affirm there is a fair channel, though it have not been made use of.

“Sir Joseph Jordan, whose character I need not give you, appears very forward to attempt upon the enemy with his fire-ships; but as the winds are now come about, there is no possibility for him to do any exploit upon the enemy, who have secured the back door, by a squadron of eight ships that lie at anchor in the Gunfleet, besides those ships that ply up and down in the river, between them and their main fleet.

“My lord lieutenant hath drawn his own regiment of the militia hither, to relieve Sir Wm. Ayloff’s (which is somewhat harassed with lying on the ground without the town), saving one company, which mutinied at Chelmsford, and refused to march. Since the deputy lieutenants have disposed of it very seasonably to the fort at Tilbury, where they were informed men were wanting.

“And now I am speaking of the militia, it will not be improper to take notice timely that the letter from the Lords of the Council of the 21st,‡ which my lord received on Sunday from my Lord Arlington, is not like to take any great effect, as by the answer sent already to their lordships by the deputy lieutenants from Chelmsford, you will be well able to judge; so that if a provision be not made for the maintenance of the militia forces, before the end of the next week, (at which time the pay of the country will be ended,) it will be very difficult, if not impossible work, to keep them together.”

* P. 251, No. 143.

† Vol. CCVII., No. 101.

‡ The letter requesting a loan of money.

On July 2nd, at 11 a.m., the Dutch fleet was discovered about Felixstow cliff; by noon, it was standing into Harwich, coming in "close between the sands from the Suffolk side, a way our great ships never used to venture," and the foremost close upon Landguard Fort; by 10 o'clock, 47 vessels were at the back of the fort, five in the Sledway, and eight or nine anchored in the outer part of the Rolling Grounds; 1,000 men were already landed, increased later in the day to 2,000 or 3,000, with a very great stand of pikes, whilst their landing was covered by a constant firing, directed at the fort, and at the vessels placed at the entrance of the harbour, to be sunk for security, which had proved useless, from the fleet having slipped in by an unexpected passage.* The particulars of the assault which ensued are thus given by an eye witness:—

" Harwich, July 3, 1667,

about 11 at noon.

" It was judged that the eight Dutch ships who sent such clouds of smoke upon the fort out of the Rolling Grounds were merely for that purpose. That they landed about Filstow Cliffs (*alias* Felixstow) above 2,000 men, I have reason to believe from my own guess. The Suffolk forces came to them in inclosures, about 4 of the clock, or 5. They spared about 400 or 500, relieved from the main body (that stood near the place they landed, with a strong body of pikes, which I plainly saw,) to assault the forces above on the hill, and with them two or three drakes, with which they maintained the lanes and hedges; so that the Earl of Suffolk got his ground of them in a manner but by inches, because his horse were excluded from service.

" In the mean, a party of 300 or 400, or more, ran along the beach, in the smoke that the ships from the Rolling Grounds had made, up to Landguard Fort, with scaling ladders painted, of about 20 feet long or more, hand granadoes, &c. They came briskly up, with their cutlasses drawn upon their arms, and their muskets, and came up close to the fort, whose reception to them, when dis-

* P. 259, Nos. 26, 27, 28.

covered, was as brisk.* This assault, with a continued playing of small shot, lasted about half an hour, and then they were repulsed. They had got under the sand-banks, which our Galliot boy and the Lenox and Truelove played upon from the water, and waited their motion, and they discerned them at this assault about 5 of the clock in the afternoon, dragging off their dead. About an hour after, they tried again, but were presently discouraged, and in disorder ran away, leaving some of their ladders, their hand granadoes, and a case of very handsome pistols; and as the ships saw them within the fort in the Salt Road, they bestowed upon them a bullet welcome.

"About 9 of the clock, all was silent, and they drawn to their body about Filatow Cliff (their boats being on ground, which caused them to stand their ground the longer), and being pressed on by the Earl of Suffolk, had a much to do to keep themselves from disorder, especially could the horse hut have come at them at that began [*sic*] in the woods above the cliff, about 11 of the clock at night, and lasted till about 2 in the morning; at what time, the water floating their boats, they got off to their ships, who about 6 this morning, were all under sail, and now out of sight, by reason they are shnt from us by Filatow Cliff, being in Ousely Bay; but yet, now and then, I think I hear some of their guns.

"The five great Dutch ships in the Sledway ride there still. One of the ships that came yesterday into the Rolling Grounds was a rear admiral. The particulars of the loss on both sides is very uncertain, only one man killed in the fort; but what with my Lord of Suffolk, I know not, but several are. They found but four Dutch killed before the fort.

"This is all I have at present, but only that I am unwilling any opportunity should pass me of letting you know how much.

"I am, Sir,

"Your most humble servant,

"SILAS TAYLOR."†

The Earl of Oxford, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, sent the following account to Lord Arlington:—

"MY LORD,

"Harwich, July 3rd, 9 in the morning.

"This night, with the young flood, the enemy shipped the remainder of their beaten party, and this morning the fleet have

* Another account says, that when they assaulted the fort, they deridingly cried, "Peace, peace!" p. 272, No. 113.

† Vol. CCVIII, No. 55.

turned their backs, and are driving away as fast as the dead calm will suffer them. I thought it necessary to inform your lordship of it, though I have nothing else to say but that. In case the fleet go quite off from the coast, I hope his Majesty will give me leave to do so too, and attend him at London.

"This harbour (with the fortification and manning of the fort of Landguard, and of this town), adding our fire-ships, is not now an enterprise for Dutch courages, and truly the disreputation that must follow such an enterprise as their first appearance seemed to promise, does a little moderate my trouble for our loss at Chatham.

"Pray God send all the King's enemies so base an end.

"My lord,

"I am your ldp.'s most humble servant,

"OXFORD."

"They seem to go northward."

The following day's post brought accounts in more circumstantial detail, in a letter to Williamson:—

"SIR,

Harwich, July 4, 1670.

"I have only this to add to Tuesday's account; that Capt. Darell, governor of the fort of Landguard, was wounded with a musket shot in the shoulder, but not dangerously. That towards the evening, there was sent over a strong party of several hundreds of men hence to the other side of the water, under the command of Major Legg, who were very welcome to the Earl of Suffolk, but the enemy were drawn off before they could come to them. Several boats laden with dead men were seen by several to be put off from the shore.

"A Swede which trades from Hamburg was kept by De Ruyter eight or nine days, and came in yesterday, and saith that he was present when De Ruyter had an account of many passages given to him; among others, he saith that about 60 or 80, by their own confession, are slain; that some commanders of quality are slain, that a lieutenant-colonel, an Englishman, tall, led the Dutch on to the assault of the fort; that two Englishmen, pilots, were aboard De Ruyter, one of them was sent on board that Vice Admiral that ran on ground the point of the Andrews, which came up with those eight ships into the Rolling Grounds; that that accident was a great hindrance to them, and long detained them; that they were divided into three squadrons, who, after the landing of the

foot, were to be employed thus: the first to lie near the Platters, and play on the fort from that side; another to come into the Rolling Grounds, and play upon the fort on t'other side; the last to come straight in.

"They were much troubled to [by?] our ships that lay across the entrance, not knowing whether they were men-of-war or fire-ships, but wondered more to see some of them sink. They questioned not to take the fort, or that they would have yielded upon the first sight of them, but say it was a stronger piece than ever they could have imagined to have found. They were made believe that there were but 30 guns and 150 men.

"Yesterday in the morning they sailed towards Aldborough, and there we saw them this morning. His Royal Highness came into town here this morning at 7 of the clock, where he stays and dines, and then over to Landguard.

"This is all from, Sir,

"Your most humble servant,

"SILAS TAYLOR."*

It is curious to compare this account with an intercepted letter written from a Dutch point of view, by an English exile in Holland, who was present at the attack:—

"MR. SAMUEL COTTINGTON.

"SIR,

1⁵ July 1667.

"Lest you should be abused by the vapour of the court about the late business at Harwich, I thought good to give you this short account; that after we landed 1,200 brave fellows, under the command of noble Dolman, we did great execution on shore, though we were designed to be cut off by a party of horse, which skulked as it were in ambush; yet we returned with great honour and booty, lost only 7 men upon the place, and 17 wounded, which we reckon nothing in comparison of those acquired advantages, conducing to an honourable peace.

"His Excellency, the Lord Ruyter, with the main body, lies before Harwich, as lord of the channel; that incomparable, the Lord of Ghent, is with a strong squadron gone northward; the rest cruises to and fro in the channel, so that you see the day is ours, and we reckon the sooner the King ratifies the conclusion

at Breda, the better for him and the land, for now we will not fall an ace.

"Some melancholy spirits are dejected at the proclamation to convene the Parliament, and the little loss at Harwich; but we, *h: ho [sic]*, are not at all down at such stories, being resolved to live and die in so honourable a quarrel." *

On July 4th, the Dutch fleet had anchored in Aldborough Bay, and leaving nine ships there, the remainder had sailed southwards. On the 5th, eighteen were seen from Aldborough; advices and provision yachts came to them daily, and they kindled false fires every night. On the morning of the 6th, their sailing southward raised apprehensions of a further attempt up the river.

Meanwhile the Duke of York had hastened down to Harwich, and by his presence much cheered and encouraged the people. After remaining several days, the joyful news of the conclusion of peace arrived; the Duke and nobility prepared to return homewards, and the fleet, so long an object of terror, dropped down the Long Sands towards Margate, hung out a white flag, and a train-band officer who went on board was told that it was peace; they invited the Margate fishermen to come out and fish as usual, and promised to buy from them, but the town officers refused their consent.† Gradually, however, the confidence in the peace became more general, and though at first discontent was expressed at the dismissal of the troops whilst an enemy, though bearing a white flag, was on the coasts, the arrival on July 11th, of Mr. Coventry, the English plenipotentiary at Breda, brought joy and re-assurance, in the hope that the peace was finally concluded.‡

* Vol. CCIX., No. 86 i.

† Pp. 280, 281, Nos. 15, 17, 18.

‡ Pp. 285, 286, Nos. 49, 50, 51, 54.

The report of this happy termination proved premature. Negotiations were advancing, but not concluded. Part of the Dutch fleet rode about the Sledway and Bardsey Sands, and for a time were "quiet neighbours, though "still having an aching tooth against Harwich,"* A strong detachment under De Ruyter himself appeared off Plymouth, and attempted to land to steal sheep, but was forced to retire, the coasts being well guarded; they then anchored in Bigbury Bay,† causing all the militia in Devonshire and Cornwall to rise in arms for defence of the coast. Thence they made their way eastward, burning two small vessels at Torquay,‡ and passing the Isle of Wight, where they also caused great alarm.§ Their object was to intercept a returning fleet of English merchantmen from Barbadoes, which had run in to the island, as they were informed; but not finding them there, De Ruyter supposed them to have had notice of his design, and taken refuge in Plymouth, and sailed westward in search of them.||

On July 23rd, a Dutch fleet was again descried near Chatham. Very small was the preparation which had been made for defence, during the six weeks that had elapsed since the previous attack; for a correspondent writes:—

"That they came not in directly to Sheerness, but are at anchor, was a good providence, for this morning they had only one gun mounted, and not any powder or shot; but, this tide, is gone down 20 barrels of powder and some shot, and before night they hope to have 12 or 14 guns mounted; and by that time, the soldiers may possibly be fitted with match and bullet, which it's said they are,

* P. 301, No. 140; p. 311, No. 62; p. 315, Nos. 90, 91.

† P. 301, Nos. 141, 142, 144. ‡ P. 312, Nos. 66, 67.

§ P. 317, Nos. 97, 98; p. 319, No. 105.

|| De Ruyter to the Admiralty of Rotterdam, p. 321, No. 125, 1.

in a manner, quite destitute of; which whether it be an infatuation or our own supinity, I cannot judge.*

On the evening of the 24th, an engagement took place between a squadron of the Dutch and Sir Edw. Spragg, who, with a detachment chiefly consisting of fire-ships, was cruising in the river, and destroyed several of the Dutch fire-ships; but night coming on, they weighed anchor at the turn of the tide, and sailed seawards, pursued on the 25th by Sir Edw. Spragg.†

July 26, the Marquis of Worcester thus writes to Lord Arlington:—

“Sheerness, July the 26th,

“MR LORD,

“4 in the morning.

“I received your lordship's this morning, between 3 and 4, and acquainted his Highness with Capt Shaw's being sent to All-hallows. He was pleased to show me your lordship's letter, and I have left him writing an account of what passed yesterday in our sight, which therefore I will not trouble your lordship with. The enemy, I believe, spent near a thousand great shot, but with little or no execution. Sir Edw. Spragg, who followed them out of the river with his small fleet, hardly vouchsafed them a shot, they being not within the distance. He left with the turning of the tide. Sir Edward fell a little back, the wind being in his teeth. The enemy did not care to follow him, though they had both wind and tide. They continue both in sight one of another—we hoping for Sir Joseph Jordan, who, with his wind, might do great execution upon them with his fire-ships,—and they expecting perhaps De Ruyter.

“I am sorry at this time the House of Commons is so ready to discourage those that I am sure are not here found unnecessary.‡ I shall keep my men, however. In short haste, I am remaining, with much respect,

“Your lordship's

“Most humble servant,

“WORCESTER.”§

* Conny to Williamson, Vol. CCX., No. 99.

† P. 323, Nos. 142, 143; p. 324, No. 146.

‡ Referring to the votes for dismissal of the troops, passed in the House of Commons.

§ Vol. CCXI., No. 5.

The engagement was renewed on the 26th, Prince Rupert and the Earl of Craven having arrived from the Medway with a few vessels, and Sir Joseph Jordan, with a small squadron of fire-ships, from Harwich. No decisive result followed, whereat some disappointment was felt, the Dutch fleet being now divided, and several squadrons of English vessels bearing upon one portion of it, and this was expressed in the Gazette, which reflected upon the commanders, whereon Lord Craven and Sir Edw. Spragg wrote earnest letters of self-vindication, throwing the blame upon the high winds.*

Their vindication is confirmed by a passage from a private contemporary letter to Viscount Conway, also dated July 27:—

"Since the squadron of the Dutch left the river, having lost all their fire-ships, Sir Edw. Spragg followed them out with 10 fire-ships, and six or seven men-of-war, and Sir Joseph Jordan from Harwich came out with the like number, intending to have set upon them on both sides; but the wind was so extraordinary yesterday and the night before, (which was the time of their undertaking,) that they could not make use of their said fire-ships; and so they came off with the loss of four of the said ships, and did no execution; else had the weather been favourable, they would have destroyed the whole squadron of 14 or 16 ships. And I conceive this will be the last attempt of our insulting enemies, which, if anything makes me unwilling to go abroad again, 'twill be the dishonour we have received by this late great, and never to be repaired negligence."†

On the very day of the late engagement, July 26th, Sir John Coventry arrived at Dover with the tidings that peace was at length actually concluded; the Nieuport packet also bringing news of great rioting in Holland and Zealand for joy of the peace.‡

* P. 252, No. 12; p. 331, No. 19; see also p. 351, No. 4.

† Vol. CCXI., No. 18.

‡ P. 328, Nos. 4, 6.

The two Dutch squadrons were slow in withdrawing from the coasts of Kent and Devonshire, and some days elapsed before the people were so well informed and confident of the peace as to regard their proceedings without apprehension; but this wore away in time, and the fleets gradually disappeared. On August 24, with all formalities of heralds and trumpeters, the peace with Holland, France, and Denmark was proclaimed. It was received with general joy, more particularly at the seaports, where trade had been seriously interfered with, and the safety of the people threatened by foreign fleets.*

At Weymouth, "the peace, as it were, raised the dead" to life, and made them rich in thought, though their "purses are empty, for the town is exceeding poor."† At Lynn, "the bells have hardly lain still since the news of peace."‡ At Swansea the country was generally overjoyed.§ At Deal the peace was proclaimed with arms and trumpets, and a procession of magistrates: the castle shot off 14 guns, Walmer Castle 5, and Sandown 3, whilst bonfires were prepared, and the day given to rejoicing.|| Similar solemnities were observed at Dover,¶ Margate,** Lynn,†† Yarmouth,‡‡ Lyme, and Bristol.§§ A curious sheet was published at Amsterdam, containing engravings, with letter-press descriptions, of the principal actions in the late war, from the first naval battle, in Juno 1665, and ending with the conclusion of the peace at Breda, its publication, and the fireworks and rejoicings in honour of it.|||

Meanwhile the Parliament, which had been summoned for July 25th, met, but soon showed a greater disposition

* P. 419, No. 23; p. 420, No. 30; p. 475, No. 120; p. 484, No. 174.

† P. 420, No. 28.

‡ P. 423, No. 55.

§ P. 424, No. 61.

|| P. 427, No. 83.

¶ P. 435, No. 9.

** P. 439, No. 37.

†† P. 441, No. 48.

‡‡ P. 442, No. 56.

§§ P. 448, Nos. 85, 86.

||| P. 422, No. 46.

to guard the kingdom against the encroachments of domestic tyranny than against foreign invasion, and greater alarm at the idea of a standing army in England, than of the Dutch on the coasts.* A private correspondent thus writes to Lord Conway :—

“Your honour will hear that the Parliament assembled the 25th, in a very full body as hath been since his Majesty came to the crown, and will be yet fuller on Monday, till when they were adjourned, his Majesty not then appearing; but though the time was short, the Lower House passed a vote, which was to petition his Majesty to disband the new-raised or raising army, in case [of] a peace; the which I thought, at first hearing, was a very quick and almost bold beginning, but when I heard that it was proposed by Sir William Coventry, I did imagine the less difficulty, and that it may be a ground to ask money to defray that charge, &c.

“I further heard this day that the judges have given out that, according to the laws of the land, this Parliament must now sit till October, and cannot be prorogued without being [dis]solved, but this is only our exchange news, and therefore I give it to your lordship only as the humour or rumour of the people.”†

The King, finding the temper of the Houses, and having on July 27th signed the main articles of a peace, was glad to dismiss them with as much abruptness as they had been assembled, taking care, after observing the nature of the proceedings in the House of Commons, on July 25th, that they should have no opportunity of passing any votes on the 29th, to which day they were prorogued, preparatory to their dismissal. On the 30th Sir Edward Harley, a member of the Lower House, thus writes to Viscount Conway :—

“MY LORD,

“July 30, 1667.

“Though I made all the haste I could, I scarce arrived time enough to take a seat in the House of Commons. I know not what vote the Lords made; the Commons made one the first day of meeting, to desire his Majesty to disband the new-levied forces.

* Vol. CCXI., No. 66.

† Vol. CCXI., No. 18.

Both Houses were adjourned unto yesterday, but the Speaker of the Commons coming not before the King was in the Lords' House, there was not room for any other debate or vote; for immediately the Black Rod summoned their attendance upon the King, who expressed himself shortly, that peace being agreed, and the exigence over that occasioned their convention, he thought it most convenient to dismiss them to their particular affairs. He wondered any should suspect his intention to govern by an army, for which not any action of his government could give occasion. He had last year raised troops, and when the cause was over, disbanded them, and the persons that commanded these forces were desirous to be rid of that trouble. That he hoped October 10th they would meet with minds fit to serve the public. If all are as well pleased with the dismission as I am, they are well satisfied, for I came not so willingly from, as I shall return to, home.

" I am, my lord,

" Your lordship's most obedient servant,

" EDW. HARLEY."

The vote in Parliament relative to the disbanding of the army had the hearty sympathy of the country,[†] but divers rumours arose as to the cause of its speedy dismissal; that the King and the Houses had had a difference; that it was about episcopal government;[‡] that the King feared the calling to account of those that had the management of the public treasury, &c.[§]

Their re-assembling was looked forward to with interest throughout the country, and hope and fear induced those likely to be affected by their proceedings to make all the interest they could beforehand. A private news-letter runs thus: ||—

" Sir,

" London, $\frac{7}{12}$ Sept. 1667.

" Since my last, the Great Seal was taken from Lord Chancellor and given to Lord Chief Justice, Chief President of

* Vol. CCXI., No. 96.

† P. 359, No. 68.

‡ P. 360, No. 74; p. 389, No. 95.

§ P. 420, No. 34.

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England, under the name of Keeper, and that the title of Chancellor shall be no more. The King holds his resolution for the meeting of the Parliament at the appointed time. It is said that [an] Act is preparing, by some of the House, for the dispensing with the Act of Uniformity, which is clearly against the hisbops' government; another for the punishment of such as have been the occasions of misfortunes befallen this land, as also against those that counselled the dividing the fleet; so that all they that find themselves guilty do make interest in the Parliament house. Some have recourse to the Presbyterian party, which they would not do if they were not brought to the utmost extremity. It's said my Lord Bristol will bring his accusation against the Chancellor, and aver it. The King's treasury is in an ill condition, by reason of the great sums anticipated upon it by Act of Parliament. This day a report was that my Lord Arlington was also thrown out of his place, but it is not true; only he had high words with Prince Rupert in the Council.

Postscript, dated 1st Sept.

"The matters with which the Chancellor is charged are, as some say, to marry his daughter to a very great person; and that he had agreed with the farmers of the Customs for a great sum of money which he had lying in Holland during the war; but I am of opinion it is only to please the Parliament, which will meet October 10th, the King having need of money to pay his debts, which are above a million of money, above what was given him by the Parliament, not daring to let his ships come in till he have money to pay them off. The Duke hath put out Sir William Coventry, because the Chancellor will charge him with several things."*

Of the disgrace of Lord Chancellor Clarendon the notices are provokingly few and unimportant. On June 18th it was reported that some great persons, among them the Lord Chancellor, who had been guilty of treachery in conniving at the attack of the Dutch, had fled.† He was severely reflected on in a pamphlet entitled "Second and Third Advice to a Painter," the printers and circulators of which were taken and examined; and his downfall was the subject of sundry scur-

* Vol. CCXVI., No. 19.

† P. 207, No. 47.

rilous rhymes, of which the following is an example, but beyond this, there is no notice of consequence relating to him.

“ Pride, lust, ambition, and the people's hate,
The kingdom's broker, the ruin of the state,
Dunkirk's sad loss, divider of the fleet,
Tangiers' compounder for a barren sheet.
The shrub of gentry married to the crown,
His daughter to the heir, is tumbled down ;
The grand affront[er] of the noble lies
Grovvelling in dirt as a just sacrifice
To appease the injured King. Abused nation,
Who could believe this sudden alteration ?
God is revenged, too, for the stones he took
From aged Paul's to make a nest for the Rooke.
More cormorants of state as well as he,
We more than hope in the same plight to see.
Go on, great Prince, thy people do rejoice ;
Methinks I hear the kingdom's total voice
Applauding this day's action to be such
As roasting of the Rump, or beating of the Dutch,
Now look upon thy withered cavaliers,
That for reward have nothing had hut tears ;
Thanks to this Wiltshire hog, son of the spittle.
Had they been looked on, he had had but a little.
Break up the coffers of the hoarding thief,
There millions will be found to make him chief.
I have said enough of linsey-wolsey Hide
His sacrilege, ambition, lust, and pride.”*

The subject on which public discontent was most rife, was the condition of the navy. It rose to such a pitch that it was hardly safe for Sir George Carteret and Comr. Peter Pett, who were the most blamed, to walk abroad.† It was well known that large sums were yearly expended in the salaries of officers, &c., yet it was evident, from late events, that the dockyards were miserably unprovided for any emergency ; the seamen were so ill paid,

* Vol. CCXV., No. 79.

† P. 281, Nos. 21, 22.

or rather, found it so difficult to obtain any pay at all, in exchange for the tickets which they received in lieu of wages, that mutiny, and even desertion to the ranks of the enemy, were of frequent occurrence.* It was said that there were 3,000 English and Scotch seamen in the Dutch fleet, and that they had so much encouragement there, and so little at home, that others were daily engaging.† Seamen arrived at Rotterdam, declaring that they had had no wages for months, and that they were obliged to sell their tickets for a month's wages for a shilling, their wives and children starving for bread. Even English prisoners sometimes refused to be sent home, preferring to take service in Holland.‡

To remedy this state of things, an order in Council was issued appointing the Duke of York and 12 other commissioners to receive the complaints of the seamen, and of those soldiers who served at sea, as to exactions practised upon them by the officers of the Navy, in con-

* The following petition is a specimen of many similar documents :—

“ To the Right Hon. the Principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy.

“ The humble petition of the officers and seamen belonging to his Majesty's frigates the *Harp*, and *Mary yacht*, on the coast of Ireland,

“ Humbly sheweth,—

“ That your poor petitioners having sent several petitions to your honours, but receiving no answer, there being above fifty-two months' pay due to them, and having neither money nor credit, nor wherewith to buy bread for their wives and children, who are now in a starving condition, being forced also to lie in the streets by reason their landlords will trust them no longer, and your petitioners going naked for want of clothes, which together are worse ten thousand times than to die by the hands of an enemy, for what can be more grievous than for men to see the starving of their wives and children ?

“ Therefore the humble request of your poor petitioners is that your honours will be pleased to take the miserable condition of themselves, their wives, and children, so into consideration as to order them their pay, that their families may not be altogether starved in the streets, and themselves go like heathens, having nothing to cover their nakedness.

“ And your poor petitioners shall ever pray, &c.” Vol. CCVII., No. 65 1.

† P. 207, No. 49.

‡ P. 223, Encl. 1.

straining them to spend part of their wages in recovering the rest;* an order which excited an enthusiasm of delight. The men were "as mad with joy as they were with grief at our loss at Chatham," writes a Deal correspondent, adding that the King need never want seamen, if they do not lack pay.† Another step equally popular, was the removal of the obnoxious Sir George Carteret from the treasurership of the Navy, and the substitution of Arthur, Earl of Anglesey.‡

The necessity for better regulation of the public service, in order to proportion the outlay to the claims of creditors, tradespeople, workmen, pensioners, and the numerous classes on whom the poverty of the exchequer pressed heavily, led to the appointment of a Committee of the Privy Council, to take into consideration the several branches of expense, and to report where retrenchments could safely be made. The Treasury Comrs. with the Earls of Manchester, Bridgewater, and Anglesey, and the two Secretaries of State, Lord Arlington and Sir Wm. Morrice, were the commissioners.§ They demanded and obtained, from the several public departments, reports of their past expenditure, which form together a series of important papers, and were the basis upon which retrenchments were carried out in every branch of the service, especially the King's household; but these retrenchments did not actually take place till March 16th, 1668, and therefore do not enter within the scope of the present volume.¶

* P. 231, No. 15.

† P. 250, No. 133.

‡ P. 235, Encl. 3.

§ P. 338, No. 67.

¶ See Reports from the Jewel house and the Board of Green Cloth, pp. 370-1, Nos. 126-130; from the Wardrobe, p. 376, No. 28; from the Navy Comrs., preceded by an important letter from the Duke of York, entering at full upon the subject of Navy expenditure, p. 383, Nos. 65, 65-1-11, and p. 420, No. 35; from the Tower, the King's Apothecary, and the Master of the Hounds and Hawks and Falconers, p. 408, Nos. 73-75; p. 421, No. 36; p. 433, Nos. 116, 118-120; from the Ordnance Comrs.,

Among the miscellaneous entries in this volume may be mentioned a printed note of invitation to Williamson to attend the funeral of Abraham Cowley, the poet, who died on July 28th, 1667, and was buried at Westminster Abbey, on Saturday, August 3rd;* the procession was appointed to leave Wallingford House at 6 p.m.

On May 24th, occurs a warrant for a grant extending the powers of the Royal Society; instead of one vice-president, to which they were formerly limited, the president is allowed to appoint as many as he thinks fit; five members instead of seven are made to constitute a quorum; the place of meeting, instead of being limited to within ten miles of London, is allowed to be in any part of England, and the power formerly granted to the Society, of printing and engraving their own transactions, &c., is extended to any printers or engravers chosen by them.†

On June 9th, 1667, we find a short complimentary note from Thos. Hobbes, the philosopher, to Williamson, dated from Latimers, and thanking him and Lord Arlington for their mediation, to which he partly ascribes his favourable treatment by Mr. Bridgman.‡

Several autograph letters of William Penn also occur,§ but they present no individuality of interest; they are all dated from Kinsale, and addressed to the Navy Comrs., and relate to his official duties as Clerk of the Cheque at Kinsale. Amongst autographs must also be noted a letter of the celebrated George Villiers, second Duke of Buckingham. In the preceding February, he had fallen into

p. 384, No. 66; p. 421, No. 37; from the Stables, Gentleman Pensioners, Armoury, and Officers of Works, pp. 432, 433, Nos. 113-115, 117, 121; from the Mint, p. 384, No. 67.

* P. 1, No. 8.

† P. 118, last entry.

‡ P. 163, No. 1.

§ P. 116, No. 113; p. 174, No. 67; p. 475, No. 117; p. 524, No. 14.

disgrace, and warrants were issued for his apprehension and conveyance to the Tower, owing to some offence which he had given by too great leniency to the Non-conformists, in his capacity as Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding of Yorkshire.* This office was accordingly taken from him and given to Lord Burlington, as was his post of gentleman of the bed-chamber to Lord Rochester. The serjeant-at-arms sent for his apprehension failed to obtain admission to his house at Stamford, though believing him to be there, and it was thought that he would seek a private interview with the King, and rely upon the personal attachment of his Sovereign to procure release.†

On March 8th, a proclamation was issued in strong terms for his apprehension, accusing him of holding secret and seditious correspondence, raising mutinies amongst the forces, and resisting the messenger sent to apprehend him.‡ He was next reported to have been seen at Sir George Villiers' house in Leicestershire, then to be in London, then to be likely to escape abroad by way of Dover. Next a gentleman who knew him well reported that he saw him riding with one servant towards Yarmouth, a place where, from its strong Nonconformist tendencies, he had so many friends, that the proclamation against him had not been published, people thinking his crime "small or none at all,"§ and praising him as a true and brave statesman, and as unbiassed a person as any in England. Meanwhile two of his horses were sent to run at

* The common report was that it was because he disarmed the Papists in Yorkshire; see p. 568, of the previous Calendar.

† Pp. 532, 552, 560, of the preceding volume of this Calendar.

‡ Pp. 553, 555, 561, of preceding Calendar.

§ P. 11, No. 67; p. 26, No. 211.

Newcastle races, and they won the town's plate, for no other competitors appeared.*

A few days later however, hearing that writs were issued for calling a Parliament, and knowing that he should be involved in Parliamentary censure, he surrendered to Sec. Morice, excusing his not having previously done so on the pretext that the proclamation which summoned him to surrender specified no time. He was committed to the custody of Sir John Robinson in the Tower, with strict charge to keep him safe till delivered by course of law, or till the King shall declare his further pleasure concerning him.†

The next day, the Duke wrote the following letter to the King :—

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

"Though I could not but be afraid of your Majesty's anger, yet I dare trust your kindness; and now I understand that your Majesty thinks your honour is concerned in my surrender, I will have no longer consideration of myself, since that comes in question; but as soon as I am in a posture fit to appear before your Majesty, I shall come and throw myself at your feet, to be disposed of as your Majesty shall think fit; being with great humility,

" May it please your Majesty,

" Your Majesty's most dutiful and

" most obedient subject and servant.

" BUCKINGHAM."‡

The appeal to the King's clemency was successful; in a short time the Duke was not only liberated, but restored to his place in the Council,§ and his only penalty was the

□ * P. 149, No. 56; p. 157, No. 120.

† P. 221, No. 131; warrant to Sir J. Robinson, p. 238; p. 246, No. 113.

‡ Vol. CCVII, No. 73.

§ P. 246, No. 113; p. 294, Ent. 3.

loss of several important offices which, being elsewhere bestowed, could not be restored to him.

Several more papers worthy of notice must be passed over with merely an indication.

"A few words of good counsel and advice unto the King of England from the King of Heaven," an earnest appeal in behalf of liberty of conscience, founded on the alleged advice as well as experience of Charles I., written by Charles Bayly, a Quaker prisoner in the Tower.*

A letter from Wenceslaus Hollar to John Evelyn, accompanied by a petition to the King, urging assistance in the completion of a plan of London, as it existed before the fire of 1666, on which he has been labouring seven years, but being heavily in debt, is unable to bring it out without assistance.†

A patent to Matthew Poole for the sole printing for 14 years, of his "Synopsis Criticorum."‡

Three licences to "mountebanks," Joannes Micaphilo, John Russell, and Toussain le Jond, all practitioners in medicines and surgery, to erect stages for vending their drugs, and to give advice.§ The last named "empiric" had a certificate from P. Massonet, physician in ordinary to the Duke of York, to his skill and success in medicine, and to the excellence of a certain Oriental balsam compounded by him.||

The volume concludes with the Kingdom at peace, and with the meeting of Parliament under favourable

* Vol. CCII., No. 83. † Pp. 430, 431, Nos. 105, 109. ‡ P. 526, Ent. 8.
§ P. 360, Ent. 5; p. 431, Ent. 5; p. 508, last entry.

|| P. 439, No. 30.

auspices; the King having dismissed the obnoxious Lord Chancellor, and taken other steps to remedy existing disorders, and opened the Session with a conciliatory speech, from which the most favourable auguries were drawn for the future.* Their failure or success will be elicited by the documents in the ensuing volume.

* P. 530, No. 52 ; p. 541, No. 118.

DOMESTIC PAPERS.

CHARLES II.

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- April ? 1. Proposals for the effectual fortifying of Bridlington quay, for security of such vessels as are forced into the bay by capers, at an expenditure of 100*l*., and 100*l*. a year for eight guns and gunners, which will save the charge of a foot company there.
- April 1. 2. [Duke of York?] to Lord Arlington. The King wishes 10
Whitehall. culverins, 2 demi-culverins, with carriages, &c., and 20 rounds of powder and shot for Burlington fortifications to be put on board a ship directed by Sir Jer. Smith, to whom 600*l*. is to be issued out of the 20,000*l*. for fortifications, which money is to be disposed of by Sir Fras. Boynton, and Sir Rob. Hildyard, Barts, Sir Hugh Bethel, and Sir Jeremy Smith, for defence of the place and the ships in the road and harbour.
- April 1. Order to the Ordnance Comrs. to deliver to Sir Jeremy Smith
12 culverins with ship carriages, &c., shot and powder, to be transported to Burlington. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, p. 141*a*.]
- April ? 3. Note that Sir Rob. Hildyard and the above-named are to take care of erecting the fort at Bridlington quay, for which 12 pieces of ordnance are shipped, and to have money paid for building that fortification.
- April 1. 4. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. Two pickeroons have been
Lynn. seen on the coast, and many guns heard at sea. Hatton Barners, high sheriff of the county [Norfolk], has died of a fever occasioned by a cold taken at the assizes, and Mr. Castleton, a minister who went with him as chaplain, is dangerously ill.
- April 1. 5. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Departure of collier vessels.
Aldborough. No Dutch men-of-war are on the coast, but they are reported to be ready to come out. Hopes we shall be ready, that they may not ride insulting as they did last year. There is slender provision to oppose them, and 30 men might land and fire the town.
- 1667 ?
- April 1. 6. Sir P. M[usgrave] to Williamson. One Blood, who was among the Scotch rebels last winter, and in last year's insurrection in Ireland, has been in Westmoreland, at a rigid Anabaptist's, with

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whom he corresponds. Sends a paper, though slight, of the discourses of naughty people, in obedience to Lord Arlington's commands to write what he observes. Asks an opinion thereon, and what apprehension there is of danger; also how affairs in Scotland go on. [*1½ pages.*]

April 1. 7. Sir Geof. Shakerley to Williamson. Lord Derby still delays
Chester Castle. the business written of by Lord Arlington; begs that he may be hastened, as the repair of the castle and garrison is of great concern.

April 1. 8. Capt. Roht. Robinson to Williamson. The Duke of York
The Warspite. has advised him in a petition, and also delivered it to the King, who says it shall be answered when Lord Arlington comes. Begs his interest therein.

April 1. 9. John Lysle to Williamson. The St. Peter of Ostend, laden
West Cowes. with hides, butter, and Irish frieze cloth, left Galloway 21st Feb., was taken in the Channel by a French man-of-war, and carried to Brest, whence she was cleared on March 21st. He left 10 French men-of-war at Brest, ready to sail to Rochelle, where the fleet of 60 men-of-war is. Vendosme is to go in his old ship, and Beaufort in the St. Philip as admiral; eight or nine more ships are expected from Toulon, and they are all well manned, armed, and plentifully victualled; they have made the country bare of provisions. The common people mutter that they are for Ireland, but such stores of provisions could only be needed for the English West Indian colonies. A Bristol ship laden with coal, cloth, &c., was lately brought into Brest, and condemned as prize. [*2 pages.*]

April 1. 10. Hugh Acland to Williamson. The French pickeroons have
Turo. taken several small vessels between Plymouth and Scilly. It is a pity that frigates should lie in the harbour whilst merchantmen are taken. Wishes the gentlemen concerned about the Navy would prevent such losses.

April 1. 11. John Man to Williamson. Has no news this post.
Swansen.

April 1. 12. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Capture of three vessels off
Pendennis. the coast by French pickeroons. The Adventure has brought in two vessels laden with guns and ammunition from the Tower for Bristol, and one laden for Sir John Knight with oils.

April 1. 13. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. Has been at Pendine to see
Pembroke. the King's duties secured on the wines wrecked out of a vessel belonging to Stade, near Hamburg. Asks whether Lord Arlington will be postmaster-general.

April 1. 14. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.

April 1. 15. James Hickes to [Williamson]. Sends the letters come to
London. hand, but those from the North and Ireland have not arrived.

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April 11 16. Petition of James Willymott, late student of Christ's College Cambridge, to the King, to recommend him for the office of Steward and Registrar of that college, instead of Joshua Sedgwick, who is too infirm to execute his place; has been often entrusted in affairs of that nature.
- April 1. 17. [Lord Arlington to the Master, &c., of Christ's College, Cam-
[Whitehall.] bridge.] Their foundress, having provided that in all offices of trust in the college, those who are of it be preferred before others, recommends Mr. Willymot to succeed Joshua Sedgwick, as Steward and Registrar.
- April 1. 18. Draft of a similar letter. [*Imperfect.*]
- April 1. 19. [Lord Arlington] to the Lord Lieutenants [of counties]. The
Whitehall. King wishes them to repair to their lieutenancies, and put the militia and other troops into such a posture as may best secure the quiet of the country, and enable them to comply with such instructions as they receive from time to time from His Majesty, to whom they are to send an account of all occurrences.
- April 1. 20. George Williamson to Jos. Williamson. Complains that
Bridekirk. Sir George Fletcher, Sir Wm. Carlton, and Wm. Layton obstruct the settlement of the hearth money, by unduly certifying two parts of Leathward to be panpers; the case was examined at Penrith, 20 March; brought forward informers who convicted many, but as the ministers and churchwardens were not called to a strict account, the informers would not sign what they said unless subpoenaed. Complained to Sir George that only 40*l.* was paid where there should be 300*l.* He refused to allow any deputies to survey, and said the writer had no power against their certificates. Understands that the affair has been misrepresented to Lord Ashley. Asks how to reply; does not wish to be a cypher in his own country. Every justice in the county would sign with him except the three who wish to make themselves popular. If they prevail against him, must give up his farm. As to the poll money, it was progressing well in Allerdale ward, but Sir George Fletcher ordered 7*l.* to be taken off the assessment for Cockermouth, and the county to pay only the proportion of a pound rate, though the kingdom has to raise 500,000*l.* Sir Wilfrid Lawson and Capt. Musgrave however abide by the literal word of the Act. [3 pages.]
- April 1. 21. Certificate by Thos. Lewis, that the masters of four ketches
Victualling named have brought a warrant for victualling them for 84 days,
Office. but said they were to be allowed a greater number of men, so the victualling was respited till 23rd March, 1667, when the warrant came for 20 men each. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 1. 22. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comra. Details of the fortunate
Compill. launching of the St. David; is setting the masts, and shall lose no time in getting her down to the Kingroad, if want of seamen hinder not, but they get away as fast as they are got up, for want of provision. The condition there for want of money is very sad; hoped

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to hear that some had been ordered; has plied men to their business almost against reason, not being able to supply their necessities. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 1.
Dover.

23. F. Hosier, surveyor [of victuals], to Sam. Pepys. Arrival of a vessel laden with pork for the stores. A victualling office is set up at Rye, and beer, &c. are to be sent from Dover for their supply. Judges there will be but little action there, and, if they think fit, is willing to take a ride there once a month, or oftener, to take account for that port also. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 1.

Papers relating to the *Abigail*, [*Adm. Papers.*] viz :—

24. Certificate by Thos. Lewis that the owners have cleared their account for victualling, the master being dead.

Victualling Office, 26 March 1667.

25. Certificate by Mathew Hayden that the *Abigail* was hired to carry water to the fleet on 4th June 1665, and that she has been victualled since at the sole cost of Thos. Weaver, the master. With notes of calculations as to the time of service, amount due, &c. April 1, 1667.

April 2.
Plymouth.

26. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The *Victory* prize from Biscay, with Lord Fanshaw's retinue, coming with a merchantman of Plymouth and two of Looe from Bilhoa, met with three French men-of-war of 50 and 60 guns a-piece, which chased her, insomuch that she was forced to leave her convoys; has no news whether they are lost or not. Four ships named are in the Sound and three in the Catwater, and the *Little Gift* has arrived from Ireland. The *Adventure* is gone to convoy ships at the Land's End to Bristol. Being doubtful whether the accounts and muster rolls arrived, will send duplicates. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 2.
Victualling
Office.

27. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. The complaint of the beef and pork sent on board the *Guinea* was found by the commander to be an abuse by some of the Company; part of the Milford's meat being sent to the office to be surveyed, asks that it may be done by such persons as they shall think fit, that they may judge of the reasonableness of the complaint. With note by Sam. Pepys, April 6, that on reading the letter, Sir Wm. Batten, at the Board's request, went to the victualling office, and reported that the whole cask complained of was good and sweet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 2.
Harwich.

28. Comr. John Taylor to the Navy Comrs. Two yachts have landed 200 soldiers who, for want of quarters, are put into houses where the shipwrights and labourers had lodgings, which causes them to come with open mouth, complaining that they had neither money nor meat, and now are like to want lodgings; had they their money, should hope to have more quiet. Sir Charles Littleton is in town, and with the help of the Tower Commissioners, will drain the stores to purpose; if way be given to them, they will suddenly consume all the timber. Told Sir Charles they must not expect the

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least out of the stores without warrant, but if it be not worded with convenient restrictions, they will come by force, and take what they please. Suggests that their honours should advise with Sir Wm. Coventry, to whom they will apply to obtain what they would have. Particulars of ships. Great suffering and delay are occasioned by the smith's shop being shut up; two ships are gone out with their furnaces unfitted, and several more cannot stir for want of iron; no new ships can go on till the smith comes, and there is not a brick or tray of mortar in store to mend the furnaces. The bricklayer says he has paid 30 per cent. for his money in London, and will serve in neither brick nor lime without money, or a personal promise for payment. Would not mention the necessity of the labouring men so often, but that their daily calling on him compels it. The bricklayer offers to send in 100*l.* worth if they will imprest 40*l.* to him, as there is need of it. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses.*

28. 1. *Note by Comr. John Taylor, that the Pearl is staying for want of eight or nine small bolts. Has offered another smith ready money for them, but it is not to be done, and the captain will not willingly move without them.*

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April 2.
Blackmoor
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29. Capt. John Barton to the Navy Comrs. Asks whether to remain where he is, at the buoy of the Nore, or come up to London to be paid. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 2.

30. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. The Duke of York having ordered Sir Edw. Spragg to take care of the guards and other ships in the Medway, he should have a pinnace to attend him, whose crew must be borne upon some of the ships; also he desires his former surgeon and servant. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 2.

31. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Sir Jeremy Smith is going northward to take care of ships that way; Hull will be his first place, where it is necessary that provision should be made for cleaning and repairing the ships. Asks them to settle that with Sir Jeremy, and to send word what ships are ready to sail. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 2.

32. Certificate by John Tooker, that the John and Giles ketch sailed from the Tower wharf 22nd March last. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 2.
Oxford Castle.

33. Albertus Otto Faber to [Lord Arlington]. Is a stranger, and has no friend but his wife, also a stranger, and being left behind by the judge in arrest, begs his lordship to pardon this mode of presenting his requests to the King and himself, and to favour them. [*French.*] *Encloses.*

33. 1. *Petition of Albertus Otto Faber to Lord Arlington, to dismiss him in a gracious way, being a stranger in doleful condition; after long detention, a pass was ordered for his departure, but the plague, and then the fire which destroyed his house, prevented; has behaved guiltlessly since, but*

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having given in a petition for his departure, went meanwhile to Banbury to settle his affairs, was apprehended, sent to the common goal, and on the assizes, was referred to his lordship. *Oxford Castle, March 29, 1667.*

33. II. *Petition of Albertus Otto Faber to the King, to receive him into favour, according to his proclamation in behalf of foreigners that live peaceably, and graciously to accept his sufferings, having been under restraint on mere suspicion, and nothing laid to his charge.*

Oxford Castle, March 29, 1667.

- April 2. Warrant to pay Mary Scott 67*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*, being a moiety of 134*l.* 7*s.* fine imposed on Sam. Tyrrell for importing six pipes of Cannary wine into the kingdom, contrary to the Act of Navigation. [*Docquet.*]

- April 2. Reference on the petition of Hen. Brewster to the Commissioners for alterations in the Tower, who are to hear his complaints, and procure him right in such materials as belong to him, or otherwise to report thereon to His Majesty. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 278.*]

- April 2. Warrant for a commission to Sir William Godolphin to be governor of the Scilly Isles, in as ample manner as Sir Fras. Godolphin. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 425.*]

- April 2. Order for a warrant to pay to Lady Clinton board wages due to her during the year of suspension, as dresser and bedchamber woman to the Queen, and to continue the same to her, from the 100,000*l.* allowed yearly for the household. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 425.*]

- April 2. Pass, at request of certain merchants of London, for the Antonio Giuseppe di Venetia, manned with Italians, from London to New England, there to lade fish for Spain, and return to London. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 3.*]

- April 2. The King to the Comrs. of Prizes and Officers of the Exchequer. Granted to Prince Rupert, 25 Jan. 1667, all goods embezzled from prizes which he could discover before 20 March 1667; but the time proving too short for him to receive the full benefit, it is to be prolonged to Midsummer, and they are to issue such orders, &c., as shall render the grant effectual. [*Ent. Book 26, pp. 25-26.*]

- April 2. 34. Rob. Mein to [Williamson]. More prizes are taken. The Edinburgh. Whig prisoners have broken through a stone wall into a church, and have all escaped. Everything is quiet.

- April 2. 35. Charles Whittington to Williamson. Two Swedish ships, Hall. laden with masts, left the Elbe on Thursday, and saw no vessel till they met in the Humber a Holland caper, which plundered one of them; seven vessels from London, parting at sea from their convoy, narrowly escaped this privateer.

- April 2. 36. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The coal fleet will hardly be Newcastle. laden till next week, as every one strives to have the newest and driest lead coals; meanwhile the man-of-war cruises up and down.

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April 2. 37. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The Victory left Bilbao with four
Plymouth. English merchant ships and four Spaniards, which she lost at sea. She has brought in an Amsterdam wine prize. Some vessels from the West were chased by four French men-of-war off the Lizard; eight good frigates are in harbour waiting orders, which if at sea, would clear those parts.
- April 2. 38. John Clarke to Williamson. The Victory has come from Bil-
Plymouth. boea in two days, convoying four merchant ships; they met four French men-of-war, two of which chased the Victory and the merchantmen, which latter are supposed to be lost. The Little Gift has come in with some ships from Ireland. The Greenwich has brought in a Rotterdam prize.
- April 2. 39. John Clarke to Jas. Hickes. To similar effect. The Adven-
Plymouth. ture has sailed with some ships to the westward.
- April 2. 40. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Is surprised at receiving no
Plymouth Fort. answer to his letters. Begs him once more to speak to Lord Arlington about his salary now due; has deserved it as well as some who make more noise. Asks an answer whether an order can be obtained for the lading of the salt for those friends who must else lose 400*l.* or 500*l.*; they would gratefully requite it. Also asks an order about the linen cloth seized at Plymouth. The Victory has brought in Lady Fanshaw's servants and goods, and is to take them to Portsmouth, and then convoy the ships bound eastward. Has given orders to the several captains to sail to the Soundings, when ready, to see what the French do.
- April 2. 41. Lord Castleton to Williamson. Capt. Marshall of Doncaster requests his assistance with Lord Arlington for the office of Postmaster of that place. The poll bill in the two divisions of the county where he acts is nearly a seven months' assessment; wishes it may be the same all over England. [*Damaged.*]
- April 2. 42. Philadelphia Lady Wentworth to Williamson. Requests dispatch for Mr. Harris, who will see her patent passed during her absence. Wishes it to be by immediate warrant, as the Lord Privy Seal is often very difficult in passing things.
- April 2. 43. James Hickes to Williamson. Has forwarded the packet
Letter Office. received between one and two a.m. to the Duke of Richmond at Cobham, and ordered quick dispatch. Thanks for his letter conveying Lord Arlington's good opinion of the writer, and intention to advise with him on matters concerning the [Post] Office, wherein he has diligently served 30 years. Sir John Bennet has conversed with him about the course of the post, and conveyance of letters in the several stages, and hinted privately that the writer would be required to assist Sir Phil. Frowde in carrying on the business, and would have to be at Whitehall two or three times a week; told Sir John he feared Sir P. Frowde would object, but Sir John made light of this. Will faithfully discharge any such duty, having long hinted at neglects, and seen the damages arising from change of

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government, &c. Many postmasters are in London, or coming up, in order to their future settlement; understands his lordship's pleasure to be that they must pay a fine, and has given reasons therefore to those who applied to him for advice, so as to prevent hard thoughts of his lordship, and prepare them for quiet submission. [2 pages.]

April 2.
Portsmouth.

44. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The frigates cruize on the coast. Capt. Hogg, a privateer in the Flying Horse, is convoying several merchant ships for the Downs, there being no King's ship bound that way. The fortifications go on vigorously, and Sir Godfrey Lloyd has come with a commission to fortify the dock-yard; 500 soldiers with 40 horse are there, ready to be shipped for Guernsey and Jersey.

April 3.
Weymouth.

45. John Pocock to James Hickey. The Nonsuch has brought in a Dutch wine prize, and if she had had more men, could have taken several others of a fleet half Ostenders, half Hollanders, with which the vessel taken sailed.

April 3.
[Norwich.]

46. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickey. Has no news this post. [Damaged.]

April 3.
Deal.

47. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The Sorlings has brought in five victuallers and two Swedes, and all are sailing northward.

April 3.
Bristol.

48. Jo. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. The Fortune from New England, after being almost a month in Ireland, has arrived laden with sugar, tobacco, indigo, and beaver, value 20,000*l.*, and reports that two more ships will soon be ready to sail. The Bristol fleet for Barbadoes ended the passage in a month, but the Virginia fleet was nine weeks, and therefore cannot be expected back in time for service in the fleet, nor according to their bonds in the Custom House. The St. David, a most complete new ship of 64 guns, built in the Forest of Dean, has just been launched, and Capt. Rush, who has brought the Dartmouth from Kinsale, is to command her.

April 3.

49. "Extracts," being notices from letters calendared above and also from the following:—

Harwich, April 2: The Guernsey and Little Victory have sailed for the Humber; two of the five foot companies of the Admiral's regiment have arrived, some by sea and some by land; 40 light colliers have been seen about the Gunfleet.

Yarmouth, April 1: 80 light colliers have sailed with convoys; Sir Fms. Crompton has come to town with his troop, and they have taken the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy; a very great ship was seen at sea, plying southward.

Hull, March 31: 12 or 13 ships will be ready for London with the first convoy; three colliers from Newcastle have seen nothing in their way.

Sunderland, March 29: 250 light ships have arrived there and at Shields, convoyed by 5 frigates, 3 of which are gone forward for Scotland, with some ships laden with ammunition, the rest cruise on the coast. [1½ pages.]

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Lynn. 50. Edw. Bodham to [Williamson]. Two pickeroons, supposed to be French, have chased two Ostenders into Wells haven; they prevent the light collier fleet from sailing. Asks what to do with some goods of Lord Arlington's, directed to Mr. Coell, there being no such man in Lynn.
- April 3.
Chester. 51. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. Leving, the recorder of Chester, has died; the office is reserved in the King's gift, by the last charter; it is a place of credit, but of mean salary, not 20*l.* a year.
- April 3.
Falmouth. 52. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. The Quakers in those parts grow so impudent that they are building a house purposely to meet in. The master of the Francis of Plymouth reports that he fears a man-of-war has taken six vessels from Ireland, laden with beef, hides, butter, and cheese, which left with him, but got out of his sight. There is a general complaint that the men-of-war lie in the harbours, and the merchantmen are taken close by the harbours.
- April 3.
Falmouth. 53. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding and his letter of March 31. [2 pages.]
- April 3.
Thanet. 54. Some Men of the Isle of Thanet to Thos. Newcomb, the Savoy. Want a letter presenting to the principal Secretaries of State, and send it to him as knowing the author of the News-book, of which he is the printer. Think it of much concern to the nation, as well as to the Isle of Thanet. *Enclose,*
54. I. *Some men of the Isle of Thanet to the principal Secretaries of State. Detail the reasons why they suspect that the Hollanders and French intend to seize the isle, viz., the few forces required to maintain it; the convenience of its harbours for furthering or intercepting vessels, for the fishing trade, &c. Complain that Col. Titus persuaded many of the island to enlist on promise of pay, and of not being drawn out of the island, which promises are broken; also that more seamen and landmen are pressed in that island than elsewhere. Request redress of these grievances; also the erection of one or more forts in the island, where the garrison may be quartered; they are now often quartered in poor farmers' houses, though there are ale-houses there or in the neighbouring towns to quarter a regiment in.* [2 pages.] Thanet, 1 April 1667.
- April 3.
Woolwich. 55. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the ships now repairing. Wants 3-inch plank and reeds, having to borrow from hand to mouth of the boatmaker. Will soon begin the mast and reed house, as ordered. [Adm. Paper.]
- April 3.
Bristol. 56. Fras. Baylio to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the ship now building. Has half plank enough in his yard, and 10,000 feet in readiness to be shipped off, which goods and a large number of

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workmen cause the want of much money. Asks for a certificate for the next payment. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclosure.*

56. 1. *Thos. Austin to Fras. Baylie, Bristol Marsh. Particulars of timber felled and ready for removal. Complains of the bad state of the weather, and of the ways for carriages, and of the cattle as being weak and poor.*

The Kid, March 20, 1667.

April 3.
Bristol.

57. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Applied to Sir Thos. Langton, mayor of Bristol, for the money on the 1,000*l.* bill drawn on him, but it has not been paid to his agents; he said he had better have given 40*l.* than have been disappointed, and that he expects the bill down again unsatisfied by them. Such a delay will breed great obstructions. Capt. Rooth, who came with the Dartmouth, and is appointed commander of the St. David, asks orders as to the repair of the Dartmouth. Has completed all under water belonging to the St. David, and will set her masts and ballast her with all speed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 3.
4 P.M.

58. Phil. Lloyd, servant to Sir Wm. Coventry, to Sam. Pepys. Is commanded by his master to let him know that the Assistance and two other ships are ordered to the westward, and are to convoy the Monk and Charles mast ships to Portsmouth; gives notice of their sudden departure, that any vessels bound with stores may take the opportunity of a convoy. The Milford is ordered for Leith; the victualler should know of it, as he has vessels going that way. Another frigate can scarcely be had, the Dutch fleet being so suddenly expected abroad. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 3.

59. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. His Royal Highness has spoken to the Duke of Albemarle, who will have 180 soldiers for Sir John Harman's squadron ready with the vessels that are to transport them to the Hope. Asks them to take care for their transportation, and the victualling of the squadron, as this will complete their manning; they are to send the Duke word when the soldiers shall embark, and to write to Sir John Harman that he may order their distribution. The Bonaventure is ordered from Portsmouth for Plymouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 3.
Woolwich.

60. Wm. Acworth, storekeeper, to the Navy [Comrs. Having only two masts in the stores, did not deliver them to Edward Gray, at his warrant mentions four. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 3.
Plymouth.

61. Sam. Langford to Richard Gibson, Navy Office, Seething Lane. Has desired Mr. Bennet to call for the two bills signed for the writer, and to try to recover the money due on them and three others. Sends accounts for victualling, with observations thereon. Thanks for his cheap news. The French marching into Flanders with 40 regiments will make the Seven Provinces hearken to reasonable proposals in the treaty with England. The pursers are offended with his demand of a certificate of their entering into their last victualling, and say no other surveyor demands it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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April 4. 62. Richard Elkin to Sam. Pepys. Much wonders that the
Gravesend. sheriffs have not sent the person to receive the punishment that was
ordered. Sends an account of petty warrants issued since his last.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 4. 63. J. Fowler, judge advocate, to the Navy Comrs. Will go
Gravesend. as required to Sir Thos. Allin's fleet at Plymouth, but that he may
discharge some dues and leave his family subsistence, entreats a bill
for the last quarter's salary for himself and clerk, and a like bill
quarterly to his friend Wm. Hewer, while he is abroad; also an
allowance for coming from Richmond and remaining five days at
Deptford, during the courts-martial on Capts. Talbot and Gilby, and
Lieut. Roche. His Royal Highness having allowed the commanders
of the great ships their full pay, thinks he should receive the like,
though a general ministerial officer only. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 4. 64. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. Asks what fourth-rates
will come out of dock next spring tide, and how soon they may be
ready, and what victuallers or other ships of carriage are now in pay
and not employed in carrying stores, as some such may be required
for carrying over the goods of the ambassadors. If they are in the
King's pay, there is no harm in employing them. Asks the names
of the victuallers and their burthen. Hays are as good as any for
this work. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 4. 65. Wm. Davies to the Navy Comrs. His beef is not fit to eat;
Guinea frigate. desires a survey upon it, that he may have a speedy supply. Has
Hope. sent a portion of it by Mr. Tucker. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 4. 66. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The collier fleet bound for the
Hirwich. North has been forced back by change of wind, and the Pearl has
gone to convoy it. The works advance, and two companies have
begun to break ground.
- April 4. 67. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Notices of ships. Mr. Howard
Aldborough. of Pistry, who knows the Duke of Buckingham very well, says he
saw him riding towards Yarmouth with one man; the proclamation,
though said to have been published in all parts, has not so been
thereabouts; gave the copy sent by Williamson to the bailiffs, to
nail up at the cross, where it now stands; people think his crime
small or none at all.
- April 4. 68. List of 337 French prisoners in Exeter, taken in 25 ships
named since May 1666; the last arrivals at Exeter being 4 April
1666. [*French, 6 pages.*]
- April 4. 69. Certificate by Dr. John Pearson, master, and eight Fellows of
Trinity College, Cambridge, to the sober and studious conduct of
John Goodwin, B.A., who has been six years student in the said
college. Endorsed "Lord Gerard."
- April 4. 70. Report by Dr. Fras. Wilford, vice-chancellor of Cambridge, Dr.
James Fleetwood, provost of King's, and Dr. George Chamberlain,
vice-master of Trinity, that John Fuller, on the Act of Uniformity,

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was the first to subscribe renunciation of the Covenant; but through ignorance he did not subscribe it till three days after his admission to the fellowship, of which he enjoyed no profits till he became M.A., a year later; that if Fuller is restored, D. Alston, who was recommended for his fellowship, may be so for the next foundation fellowship.

April 1. 71. Petition of Peter Crosse, merchant, of London, to the King. Shipped some Bourdeaux wines early in November, which by contrary winds did not arrive till after the time limited by proclamation; requests the same relief for freeing them as has been already granted to others who had goods in the same vessel.

April 4. Licence for landing wines, brandy, &c., brought from Bourdeaux, for Peter Crosse, of London, they being laden before knowledge of the late proclamation prohibiting import of French commodities. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 36.*]

April 4. Warrant approving an assignation made by George Duke of Whitehall. Albemarle, master of the horse, of 316*l.*, due to Alex. Holt, garnitor of the Mews, for oats, &c., to Sir Robert Murray, to whom Holt owes the said sum, but has refused to pay. With note of a like assignation of 206*l.* to Roger Charnock. [*Ent. Book 26, p. 3 b.*]

April 4. 72. Robt. Mein to Williamson. It is reported that Lord Arlington is made Earl of Cleveland; if so, wishes to give him his true title.

April 4. 73. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Warrior of Bilbao has come Portsmouth. in; she was seized by a privateer, but having no pass from Bruges, is suspected to be of Holland. The King's ships in port are being hastened, and the fortifications go on vigorously.

April 4. 74. Rich. Browne to James Hiekes. Priestwood, postmaster of Aldborough. Ipswich, and Paine, of Saxmundham, are now diligent in dispatch of business; but Towers, postmaster of Colchester, is very negligent, and keeps the mail at his pleasure; so do the posts towards London. Notices of vessels.

April 4. 75. Jo. Man to Williamson. Has no news but the health and Swanes. peace of those parts.

April 4. 76. John Bower to James Hiekes. The light coal fleet has passed Bridlington. northwards; a pickeroon has taken a small vessel of Bridlington; prays for peace and an end to these troublesome times.

April 5. 77. Fras. Malory to James Hiekes. Has no news. Pembroke.

April 5. 78. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

April 5. 79. John Clarke to Williamson. Four of the great ships have Plymouth. sailed westward, and no others have arrived.

April 5. 80. John Clarke to James Hiekes. To the same effect.

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April 5. 81. W. B. to John Cook, at Sec. Morice's, Whitehall. Three
Yarmouth. men-of-war, bound for Hull to receive their pay, wait a fair wind ;
40 sail of light colliers, and three west countrymen, laden with
tobacco clay, bound for Lynn, wait a convoy.
- April 5. 82. R. B[ower] to Williamson. To the same effect.
- April 5. 83. "Advices," being notes from letters calendared above, and
also from the following:—
Guernsey, March 21 : Eight vessels went out to meet a fleet
coming out of Conquet Road, and have not returned, but shooting
has been heard. The Have-at-all has brought in from the Land's
End a pretended Hamburger of 300 tons, supposed to be a Hol-
lander, and a privateer has brought in an Amsterdam wine prize.
Dublin, March 27 : Two privateers have gone to cruise ; the Earl
of Tyrconnel is desperately ill.
Plymouth, April 2 : The Little Gift, convoying some vessels, saw
five ships between the Lizard and Scilly, two of which chased her.
The Victory is to sail for Portsmouth. [2 pages.]
- April 5. 84. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Arrival of the fleet of light
Newcastle. colliers, with three convoys ; they report some Dutch men-of-war
seen lately in the offing.
- April 5. 85. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Will send a convoy as ordered,
Plymouth Fort. with the Bonadventure when she arrives, if there be a frigate in
port. Thanks him for getting the warrant for his salary ; hopes it
will come soon, as the money is drawing off apace. Promises him
a good gratuity for an order for his friends to land the salt, or they
will lose 400*l.* or 500*l.* Asks whether the linen seized will be
cleared.
- April 5. 86. Chr. Maynard to Williamson. Has lost much, and hears that
Tonnes. the people of St. Malo are suing for warrants to seize all English-
men's goods in Frenchmen's hands, in order to compensate their
losses by the English ; this would ruin him, but his friends promise,
rather than his goods at Morlaix shall be so seized, to ship them for
Ostend, if the order for England do not come in time ; begs a pass
from Morlaix ; has ordered Sir F. Clifford to pay 100*l.* for it. Asks
the influence of Lord Arlington, with whom he travelled from Caen
to Rouen, in company with Lord George Digby and Sir Kenelm
Digby's sons.
- April 5. 87. Adrian Vander Poest to Williamson. Sends a letter from
Lime Street, Hamburg ; would have delivered it at the post-house, but they
London. would not receive it.
- April 5. 88. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Sir Phil. [Frowde]. Sends letters
Dover. from Flanders which came to him from Deal, where the mail was
forced by contrary winds to land ; is sorry so much time is lost.
Thanks for the payment of 141*l.* The wind is high, N.E.

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April 5. Deal. 89. Ri. Watts to Williamson. In France, 80 men-of-war and 20 fire-ships are preparing, and the Dutch have 50 stout frigates under De Witt; both are to block up the Thames and several other ports and harbours. The calm of peace is hoped for after the storm of war.
- April 5. Hull. 90. Charles Whittington to Williamson. Capt. Hill, of the Success privateer of Hull, fell in with three Dutch capers off the Humber; he engaged them two hours, but being overpowered, retreated within the Humber, brought his vessel to shore, and plied them so smartly with his guns that they were forced to quit him. It is the same privateer that preserved one of the King's mast ships, and brought the vessel of 250 tons out of Norway, where his men plundered the country. The nine prisoners taken by Capt. Coleman in the last privateer escaped at night, and meeting with a small ship's boat at Hessele, eight of them got away with her; one has been found in town. Three privateers have fired a small keel in the Humber, laden with ballast. [*1½ pages.*]
- April 5. Eggteson. 91. Chris. Sanderson to Williamson. The intelligencer will do all he can to effect Williamson's instructions; has paid him 20*l.* for this quarter, and begs repayment to his son. They [the fanatics] are intending nothing at present, though they encourage each other with hope of a change in a litle time.
- April 5. 92. Sir Geoffrey Shakerley to Williamson. The city has lost much by the death of the recorder, a man of wisdom and integrity, who has maintained order in the city, which is much inclined to fashion and nonconformity. Fears that Mr. Ratcliffe, formerly recorder, and Burgess of the city in the present Parliament, may be chosen; but he is a Presbyterian and a great favourer of nonconformity. Hopes the King will help them to an able careful man.
- April 5. Whitehall. 93. Statement of the King's approval of 19 noblemen and gentlemen named as deputy lieutenants for the West Riding of Yorkshire, and of his pleasure that the Earl of Burlington, Lord Lieutenant, issue deputations to them.
- April 5. Victualling Office. 94. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. The provisions for the Hardereen are at her side, but tardily delivered, the master being ashore at the tavern, and those on board doing nothing, so that they are in hazard of being damnified if any rain should fall, besides the great neglect done to the service by the ship not speeding away to her convoy. Some officers should be ordered down to see to her dispatch. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 5. Chatham. 95. Comr. Peter Pett to the Navy Comrs. Has shipped the two companies in the hoys for Harwich. The Monmouth is nearly ready to sail; her victuals and ordnance should be sent to Shoerness. If Mr. Chambers' money cannot be procured without sending it from London, hopes they will not expect much in the dispatch of ships from thence, having nothing in store for cleaning them. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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 April 6. Ticket Office. 96-100. Lists by W. Barbour of lieutenants who have served since the beginning of the war in first and second rate ships, and in merchant men-of-war and prizes named, and whose books are in custody of W. Barbour or at the Treasury, or in Broad Street. Five papers. [*Adm. Papers*, 8 pages.]
- April 6. Ipswich. 101. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships. [*Adm. Paper*.]
- April 6. Portsmouth. 102. St. J. Steventon to Sam. Pepys. As to petty warrants, is not so blameworthy as may appear. Retarded the giving them, except in case of absolute necessity, because expecting from the victualler the printed warrants which are used in other yards; was commanded to do so by Sir Wm. Penn. Victualling, &c., of five ships in harbour. [*Adm. Paper*.]
- April 6. Deptford. 103. Jonas Shish, shipwrights' assistant, to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of a survey made of the Reserve at Blackwall. Asks if the men may work next Monday and Tuesday; the calking and graving of the fire-ships are very backward, there being so many to be done in so short a time. [*Adm. Paper*.]
- April 6. Bristol. 104. Capt. Rich. Trevanion to Sir Wm. Coventry, Whitehall. Has taken possession of the Dartmouth; particulars of repairs needed. Has provisions for 145 men for a month. Is assisting Capt. Rooth in securing the men that he presses, and supplying him with his men for the furtherance of his business; if the writer have supernumeraries on board until Rooth's ship arrives, hopes not to be blamed for the breach of the 10th article of his instructions. Requires supplies of stores before going to sea. [*Adm. Paper*.]
- April 6. 105. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. The Expedition was not ordered to be laid up to furnish Sir John Harman with men, but because of her being a bad sailer, and likely to become a prey to the enemy; his Royal Highness judges it less loss to remove the victuals and stores than to lose them to the enemy, or to spend them and a great many men's pay, without hope of service. Asks what prizes or other useless ships remain about Sheerness; they should be carried into more safety. [*Adm. Paper*.]
- April 6. Night. 106. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. The Swedish ambassadors expect a vessel of 200 tons provided, to carry their horses and goods to Holland. Asks whether there is one fit for the purpose, and if not, where he may hire one to be ready in seven or eight days; also what ships may be ready for our as well as the Swedes' ambassadors. Supposes the Golden Hand the most likely to suit the Swedes; asks if she is manned and in condition for service. [*Adm. Paper*.]
- April 6. The King to the Bailiffs, &c., of Lichfield. Confirms their election of John Rawlins as town clerk of Lichfield, in place of John Hill, deceased. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 4.*]

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April 6. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver up to the
Whitehall. owners, William and Robert Daniel, fishermen of Hastings, a small ship, now called the He-Cat, taken from the Dutch, but which was built by the said owners, and taken in August 1665 by a Dutch man-of-war, being then called "the Three Brothers." [*Ent. Book 25, p. 4 b.*]
- April 6. 107. Sir Nic. Armorer to Williamson. Invites him to eat mutton
Easter Eve. and lobster with him, at Sir Alex. Frazer's, whose prisoner he is. Has something to tell him about himself and friends.
- April 6. 108. John Bower to James Hicke. The news of the treaty
Bridlington. breaking off caused great fear, but people are revived with hopes of its going on, and with the care taken for the fortifications of the town. The Ruby and Swallow have been cruising nine days, and seen no enemy. They have repaired to the Humber, on Sir Wm. Coventry's order.
- April 6. 109. Roht. Mein to Williamson. Begs safe delivery of the
Edinburgh. enclosed.
- April 6. 110. List of 186 vessels cleared at Newcastle during the past
week. [*2 pages.*]
- April 6. 111. John Mascal to Williamson. Whitby is much infested with
York. three pickeroons, and a French sloop has sunk a Burlington buss. Has shipped a cask of ale from Whitby, as a present for him.
- April 6. 112. Sir Philip Frowde to Williamson. Has no gazettes from
abroad this week, because of Easter, but sends other news which may be serviceable to Mr. Perrot. Endorsed with notes that the fleet is to rendezvous at Flushing; that the States have sent 15 foot companies to Breda, to the old barracks uncleansed, where five or six have died of the plague.
- April 6. 113. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Twenty more light ships
Harwich. have passed northward; the works go on amain; Sir Charles Littleton is very industrious in his own person; could scarce believe that two companies could make such progress in so short a time.
- April 6. 114. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Sir Jeremy Smith has
Hall. gone down the Humber in a pleasure boat, but did not say whether he should return. Arrival of vessels.
- April 6. 115. Rich. Forster to Williamson. A great fleet of 400 colliers
Newcastle. will be ready next week, and six convoys are waiting for them without the bar; 30 Holland men-of-war are said to have been seen about Burlington.
- April 6. 116. Anth. Thorold to James Hicke. Several guns and a sound
Lyme. like the blowing up of a ship have been heard to the east, and the country people say they have seen 60 sail to the south. On Sunday, after evening service, the under sheriff, with 12 or more bailiffs, forced into the house of Capt. A.; he fled out of the back door into the sea, whence they took him, but a great number of women and children shut the Cobb gate, and threw stones till they were forced to forsake their prisoner.

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April 6. 117. Ka. Lady O'Brien to Williamson. Thanks for favours to her
Billing. lord and herself, and especially the excellent wine he has sent; wants
his company to partake of it.
- April 7. 118. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Capt. Rob. Towers, with his
Dover. company belonging to Lord Douglas' regiment, is quartered at
Dover; the town's privateer has brought in a small wine prize.
The preparations for war in Holland, Zealand, and France are almost
complete; it is said that the French and Dutch fleets will be on
our coasts in 10 or 12 days, but whereabouts is not known. Begs
settlement of his advances for the custom house boat, and a word
to Mr. Blany to pay him his salary as storekeeper, which was
promised him four months ago.
- April 7. 119. John Allen to Williamson. Has had no answer to his let-
ters nor the cypher promised. Asks a reply directed to Dr. B. as
before.
- April 7. 120. M. Scott to Williamson. The Scottish privateers are bring-
Berwick. ing into Leith several valuable prizes, two or three of which made
resistance; one is an East India ship, richly laden with silk, thought
to be of the greatest value ever taken in Scotland.
- April 7. 121. Ri. Watts to Williamson. It is reported at Middleburg
Deal. that the Spaniards have taken Jamaica, and massacred men, women,
and children. Col. Titus has come to his command of Deal Castle.
- April 7. 122. Sir Philip Frowde to Williamson. Forwards letters which
9 P.M. must have been sent down from the Kentish office; a French mail
has come in, but there is nobody to look after my Lord [Arlington's]
letters, it being a devout day with the officers.
- April 7. 123. Thos. Holden to James Hicke. Sir Fras. Godolphin, a
Falmouth. noble and worthy gentleman of the county, died on March 22,
much lamented, and on April 3, most of his house was burnt down,
including the closet wherein were his writings, to the great loss of
his lady and children.
- April 7. 124. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The captains of the
Hull. Ruby and Swallow are come to Hull, to await Sir Wm. Coventry's
orders, and the Trinity House is to send them two pilots, to bring
their ships to Whitebooth Road or carry them out to sea, the three
privateers being still on the coast. Sir Jeremy Smith is expected
from his country house to-morrow.
- April 7. 125. Sir Wm. Penn to Sam. Pepys. Has signed Capt. Turner's
order to turn over his men to Sir John Harman, but thinks the
clause that bids him reserve a fit number to carry the ship to
Deptford will make Sir John's supply very slender. Haste and
bad tools will spoil a good scribe, as he may discern. [*Adm.
Paper.*]

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126. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Sir Wm. Warren hopes to have his ships ready for New England with the West India ships; for their better dispatch, as also for the ease of his own purse, much exhausted by the credit given to His Majesty, he desires victuals by way of imprest, and is willing to pay the same rate the King pays for them; this being a new thing, his Royal Highness's order is thought necessary; a little delay would render the bringing of the masts impossible. The commanders of ships complain of the old victuals, of which some quantity remains, and the King has not a better way to pay, or at least lessen his debt, than by transferring victuals, as he has formerly done iron; but considering that if this should remain undetermined until the Comrs. wait on his Royal Highness, the ships might be locked up, he desires them to give an order for Sir Wm. Warren to have the quantity of victuals he demands, not amounting to 150*l.* worth upon each ship, taking care that it be deducted out of his bills, and charged upon the treasurer's ledger; thinks an order under his hand is not necessary. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

April 7.

Plymouth.

127. Thos Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Arrival and departure of ships. Declined to sign Mr. Lanyon's accounts, he having refused an inspection of bills, &c. He gives the King no credit for what he receives from the boatswains and other officers. Has given their honours an account of affairs from time to time, but fears his letters are intercepted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 7.

Deptford.

128. John Cox to Sam. Pepys. The Golden Hand is the most fitting ship at Deptford, and will be ready by the time fixed. The master will attend Pepys to-morrow, and if the other captains belonging to ships named arrive, shall dispatch their ships down the river. [*Adm. Paper, damaged.*]

April 7.

The Friesland,
Rye.

129. Capt. Rich. Teate to the Navy Comrs. Came from Portsmouth to Rye, by order of Comr. Middleton. Several vessels bound for London, laden with guns and shot, wait a convoy. Desires orders thereon. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 8.

Whitehall.

130. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Requests an answer to [John] Bower of Bridlington, as to what he is to be allowed for the use of his galliot that went with the packet to Gottenburg. They should consider what complement of men will be fit for the two doggers at Harwich, and give directions for bearing and supplying them with victuals and four guns each. Hammocks are wanted, as Sir Wm. Jennings cannot get any at Portsmouth, and has not one on board the Sapphire. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 8.

Comptell.

131. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Cannot bear anything about the bill. Every man there calls upon him for maintenance; there are some 50 or 60 seamen who have neither money nor credit; has none for them, and it is only by sending under his hand that he obtains quarters for them. Capt. Rooth and the new captain of

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the Dartmouth have sent him some 30 hands, and left him to provide for them. Beseeches their honours no longer to put him to that which brings a great loss and discredit. Fears that all his endeavours will not get the ship down this spring-tide, and the only hindrance is the want of being supplied according to expectation. The *St. David* is in very good condition, and upright and easy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 8.
Dover.

132. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Has given Michael Delawse another certificate, the first being lost, for 118 barrels of Swedish tar, received by him for the use of the Navy in February 1666, and has shipped it for the storekeeper at Chatham. Received the imprest bill for 400*l.* in lieu of the one cancelled for 200*l.*, and asks for its payment. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 8.
Portsmouth.

133. John Tippetts to Sam. Pepys. Has 4,985½ pieces of eight left by Sir Jeremy Smith, and Mr. St. Michell not having arrived, will have them told and delivered to Capt. Hammond on his demand. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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134. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Sends documents from the captain of the *Richmond*, which is appointed to ply on the coast of Ireland. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

134. I. *Certificate by John Luther, mayor, and three other inhabitants of Youghal, recommending Benjamin Beare, of the said town, for a master's place in a ship.*

March 25, 1667.

134. II. *Amos Beare to Sir Wm. Coventry. Has received orders from the Duke of Ormond to convoy ships from Youghal to six leagues westward of Cape Clear; the person who is master with him is insufficient and a drunkard.*

The Richmond, Withering Bay, Youghal, March 25, 1667.

April 8.
Bristol.

135. John Knight, jun., to the Navy Comrs. Arrival of two ships laden with guns and ammunition for the *St. David* frigate; they will be ready for reloading for London in 10 days. Spoke to the masters as to the freight for the rosin there; they demanded 32*s.* per ton; supposes it may be had cheaper. Asks for an order thereon, and to be allowed to retain two tons for his own use at their valuation. Wants supplies for the *Dartmouth*. Capt. Rooth has put four sick men ashore; has promised, at his entreaty, to take care of them and pay for their diet and physic, there being no person appointed by the authorized Commissioners. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

135. I. *Demand of things spent, and now wanting aboard the Dartmouth frigate,*

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April 8. Warrant to the Commissioners for Prizes to order delivery of the
Whitehall. hull of the prize Little Sun, bulged at Scilly, to Col. Ant. Buller, to
be broken up for planks and platforms, for the use of the garrison.
[*Ent. Book 25, p. 46.*]
- April 8. Sec. Morice to Lord Arundel, of Trerice, governor of Pendennis
Whitehall. Castle. The King wishes John Wildman, prisoner in the castle, to
have liberty to go abroad to take the air when he desires it, in
company with a keeper, provided he go not too far from the castle.
[*Ent. Book 28, p. 4.*]
- April 8. 136. Thos. Holden to Williamson. The Swallow of Truro, under
Falmouth. Capt. Manning, has brought in two French salt prizes and sent one
wine prize to Penzance; she took three more, but sank two, and in
the other, an empty barge, sent away the prisoners, having almost
as many as her own men; she took another vessel laden with
clapboard, sinking the vessel and taking out the letters. The sick-
ness has broken out in the French fleet, and they are going back
from Rochelle to Brest, where the French King is to view them.
The French talk much of peace with England, if the King will join
them against Spain. Eighteen men-of-war are said to be cruising
before Rochelle river. [2 pages.]
- April 8. 137. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Sir Thos. Engham, of Godneston,
Deal. near Dover, has searched two Frenchmen, who came to the parish,
and found letters next their skin, which he and Sir Thos. Peyton are
breaking open.
- April 8. 138. Eras. Towerson to Williamson. Begs his influence, having
Carlisle. failed to get for his servant even some poor accommodation in the
Custom House. Wishing to preserve the existence of a poor, neces-
sitous, and deserving woman, craves the place of Post Office of
Carlisle for Mary Patterson, widow of the last postmaster, whose
term expires at Midsummer, when the office will fall under Lord
Arlington's management.
- April 8. 139. John Lysle to Williamson. Four vessels have been brought
West Cowes. in and sent to Southampton, but it is doubtful how they will prove,
as three have testimonials from Bruges. Particulars of other prizes;
52 French men-of-war have their rendezvous at Brest, and have
impressed above 5,000 landsmen. A pretended Queensborough vessel
offered Capt. Terence Bieme, who took her, 60 crowns or half her
lading to let her go; this is strange if she were a freeman; thinks
her a Dane. [2 pages.]
- April 8. 140. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Passage of vessels. A Dutch
Aldborough. fly-boat has brought in 160 English prisoners from Holland. No
Dutch pickeroons are abroad.
- April 8. 141. John Smith to Williamson. No enemy appears. The place
Margate. is in a good posture of defence, with two or three companies of the
Scotch regiment there. Col. Titus has ordered a meeting of the
trained bands to-morrow; they are to have their ammunition with
them, and their arms well fixed.

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April 8. 143. Fras. Malory to James Hickey. Has no news worth observation.

April 8. 144. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

April 8. 145. Leonard Bower to Williamson. Arrival and departure of vessels. Sir Fras. Compton and his troop received the sacrament to-day.

April 8. 146. John Pocock to James Hickey. A fleet of 10 sail has passed to the east of Portland.

April 8. 147. Ja. Hickey to [Williamson]. Sends all letters come to hand by the inland posts.

April 8. 148. Hugh Barrow to Dr. Rich. Browne, Ipswich. Comr. Taylor has written for carpenters and materials to mend the Fanfan's long boat. Passage of ships.

April 8. 149. "A true report of the great number of poor children and other poor people maintained in the several hospitals under the pious care of the Lord Mayor, commonalty, and citizens of the city of London," viz:
 Christ's Hospital: Children apprenticed last year, 130; buried, 18; remaining in the hospital, 267.
 St. Bartholomew's: Persons relieved during the year, 1,383; buried from the hospital, 114; remaining under cure, 196.
 St. Thomas' Hospital: Persons relieved in the year, 1,241; buried, 144; remaining under cure, 255.
 Bridewell: Returns imperfect, the books being burnt in the late fire, but present numbers 125.
 Bethlehem: 22 lunatics brought in during the year; 25 cured and discharged; 59 remaining. With recommendation of the said hospitals to charity, the revenue of several hospitals being much lessened in the late dreadful fire. [Printed.]

April 8. 150. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Forwards letters from Plymouth Fort. Col. Norwood, Lieutenant-General of Tangiers. [Damaged.]

April 8. 151. Anth. Thorold to James Hickey. Twenty great ships, supposed to be English men-of-war, have passed. A breach is expected between France and Spain.

April 8. 152. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. A Holland sloop chased two Ostend vessels, but took nothing from them when she found them to be Ostenders. Two other privateers are in the bay.



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Swansea.

153. Joh. Man to Williamson. A French pickeroon has taken a Swansea and a Barnstaple vessel off the Land's End, but they were saved because the French captain, while waiting for some of the men to go on shore and procure money to ransom the vessel, espied a sail thought to be an English man-of-war, and put to sea, leaving the barks to drift, and they were secured by boats from shore. There have been delays and miscarriages of letters from Cardiff to Pembroke. Asks a postmaster's place.

April 8.
Pendennis.

154. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Arrival of the Adventure and a pretended Ostender; Capt. Manning's privateer has brought two prizes into Helford.

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155. "Advices," being notes from letters calendared above, and from one on board the Jersey, March 18, that Lord Willoughby's fleet is at 48°30 latitude.

April 9.
Harwich.

156. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Passage of vessels: 6 or 7 Hamburgers have been seen out at sea.

April 9.
Newcastle.

157. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The fleet of colliers will be ready with the first fair wind. The convoys are diligently cruising, to see if they can discover any enemies.

April 9.
Plymouth.

158. John Clarke to James Hickey. The Antelope has brought in four French prizes.

April 9.
Plymouth.

159. Geo. Laphorne to Williamson. Forwards a petition, being the person for whom Sir John Skelton entreated a favour; has ordered Rob. Hubbard, merchant of London, to pay Williamson 50*l.* or 60*l.* if he can accomplish his desire; would give more but salt is low at Plymouth, on account of so much prize salt, and the ship is only of 150 tons.

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160. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. If the warrant for his salary come not soon, he will have to stay long for it. Begs assistance for his friend, George Laphorne, in obtaining a warrant to unlade some salt from a vessel, to the master of which he lent 400*l.* or 500*l.*

April 9.
Portsmouth.

161. Hngh Salesbury to Williamson. A privateer has sent in two prizes to Southampton. The Ruby is fitted out, and has left the harbour; the fortifications in the town and dock go on at a great pace; three companies of foot are wholly employed in perfecting the works.

April 9.
Ipswich.

162. Rich. Browne to Williamson. In Lynn deeps, an Ostender was examined by a small Dutch vessel, which might have been taken, had there been a small vessel manned.

April 9.
Hull.

163. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Three frigates which had 40 sail of colliers in convoy were ordered into Hull; fears great danger to the colliers who have gone on, as three privateers are cruising. The three captains named in his last remain till further orders, and are in hopes to receive their pay in Hull.

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April 9. 164. Rob. Mein to Williamson. Gideon Murray has come in with
Edinburgh, five small prizes; he had a close fight with two large ships, but could
not prevail.
- April 9. Warrant to Sir Godfrey Lloyd, superintendent of the fortification
to be erected for defence of the dockyard of Portsmouth, to proceed
with the work, and order the breaking of the ground where needful.
[*Ent. Book 23, p. 426.*]
- April 9. Warrant to the Commissioners of Ordnance to pay 250*l.* to Sir
Jeremy Smith, for raising a platform at or near Bridlington, co. York,
according to directions from Sir Fras. Boynton and others. [*Ent.
Book 23, p. 427.*]
- [April 9.] 165. Draft of the above.
- April 9. 166. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Account of stores re-
Deptford, quired at the yard. All the fire-ships will be graved and calked
in 10 days. Names of three gone from Deptford, of five ready to
sail, and six not yet done. Will discharge 80 shipwrights on the
15th, unless their honours have occasion for them. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 9. 167. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. Directed dry provisions for
3,000 men to be put on board the Hardereen, but the master has
returned 280 bags of biscuit which he cannot take in; one of the
ketches attending Sir Jeremy Smith should take it; asks a war-
rant to the victualler, that the master's receipt may be his discharge.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 9. 168. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Cannot buy the whale oil
Plymouth, without money, unless they can procure an order on the Prize Office
for discount, which is more advantage than buying at dearer rates.
Dispatched ships named, and others are taking in their guns, &c.;
finds discouragements from Mr. Waltham, and had forborne the
Mermaid and Garland, had not his obligation to the service and
Sir John Skolton's request overruled. Difficulty of dealing with
Mr. Waltham. Shall send accounts and vouchers, and if they will
not satisfy, will follow with further testimony. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 9. 169. Capt. Robt. Robinson, of the Warspite, to the Navy Comrs.
Greenwich, Understands his ketch is to be cleared off. Has 10 men with their
clothes on board, and double the number have voluntarily come, all
of whom call for a conveyance for their necessaries to Portsmouth;
fears to be put in a capacity not to go to sea. Asks their commands.
With note of an order for the ketch's discharge, and for the men to
go to Portsmouth by land. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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- 1667.
- April 10. 1. Capt. Robt. Robinson of the Warspite to Mr. Hayter of the
Greenwich. Navy Office. Sends his pursar for the tickets, that when he comes
down and the men are paid, all things may be handsome. Asks
for a blank sea book. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 10. 2. Capt. Za. Browne to the Navy Comrs. Has arrived with the
The Assistance, convoys for Portsmouth; account of boatswain and carpenter's
Downs. stores required. The five tuns of water so long importuned for
arrived, but was sailing and could not take it in without loss of the
tide over the flats, and the cross-grained hoy-man would not follow.
Asks that it may be put on board some of the ships that follow.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 10. 3. Certificates by Edward Gregory, Wm. Rand, and Comr. Peter
Chatham. Pett, that boatswains John Attaway and Wm. Cadbury are entitled to
8*l.* or 10*l.* each, for their care and diligence in assisting Capt. Rand,
in absence of Capt. Brookes, from 25 Oct. 1666 to 1 March 1667.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 10. 4. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. His Royal Highness
has ordered the Monmouth to the northward, and 10 men to be
added, to make her complement 30. Asks them to see to the vic-
tualling. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 10. Warrant to Sir Fras. Boynton and three others appointed to
carry on the fortifications at Burlington, to proceed with the same,
breaking up the ground where necessary. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 428.*]
- April 10. 5. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Capt. Manning has sent to the
Falmouth. Lord General the letters he took in the French packet boat; they
import great sickness in the French fleet; men taken ill in the
morning die before night, and some captains have put ashore 60 or
70 men each. The sea is full of privateers and men-of-war.
- April 10. 6. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. To the same purport as the
Falmouth. above, and his letter to Williamson of April 8.
- April 10. 7. Owen Lindsey to James Hickey. Sir Phil. Frowde has advised
Dartmouth. him to come to town. Hopes Squire Williamson will help him to
the place of [postmaster] at Plymouth, now vacant.
- April 10. 8. "Advices," being notes from letters calendared above, and
from one dated Tangiers, Feb. 10. Their privateers are formidable
to the enemy, and beneficial to the English in Spain. Gayland had
reduced most of his country, but being beaten off before Tituan,
the Arabs deserted him; he will take the field again when the rains
are over.
- April 10. 9. John Lysle to Williamson. The master and steersman of an
West Cowes. Ostend ship brought in aver on oath that great preparations are
making in France, and a fleet of 80 sail, with 50,000 landmen on
board, is intended to invade England, and will have the Isle of

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Wight before the end of May; they are sure that the French commander of one of the castles will make no resistance. Thinks the vessels taken by Terence Bierne, a privateer, are prizes, for the men would have run away with both vessels and privateer, had not Col. Culpeper prevented it by sending soldiers. [2 pages.]

April 10. 10. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. Has written to his
Chester. brother Bradshaigh to speak to Mr. Otway, and hopes the latter will be wise and kind to Williamson and the town. Chester has chosen Williams, a very ingenious man, and true son of the church, as recorder; requests him to procure the King's approbation and the patent.

April 10. 11. Wm. Street, mayor of Chester, Rob. Harvey, Thos. Cowper,
Chester. and Wm. Ince to Williamson. Request him to obtain the King's approbation of a very worthy person elected as recorder of Chester. *Enclosing,*

11. i. *Wm. Street, mayor, the two Sheriffs, and nine Aldermen of Chester, to the King. On April 9, elected Wm. Williams as recorder, in place of Rich. Leving, deceased. Request His Majesty's assent thereto.*

Chester, April 10, 1667.

April 10. 12. Robt. Scrivener to James Hiekes. There is no news in those
Norwich. parts.

April $\frac{11}{12}$. 13. Isaac Perrott to M. Martin, at M. Parant's, London. Business
Havre. transactions. [French.]

April 11. 14. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The ships there are fitting
Portsmouth. with all possible haste; the fortifications go on apace.

April 11. 15. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Three frigates from the Thames
Deal. have passed, bound for Portsmouth and the West Indies.

April 11. 16. Joh. Man to Williamson. Has no news.
Swansen.

April 11. 17. Hugh Askland to Williamson. Capt. Manning's privateer
Truro. has brought in two French salt prizes, sent one into Penzance, and sunk four more, for want of men to bring them home.

April 11. 18. [Alb. Otto] Faber to Williamson. Thanks for favours to his
Oxford. wife; entreats influence for delivery from his present purgatory and misery. [French.]

April 11. 19. Rich. Browne to Williamson. A Dutch hoy has forced 30
Aldborough. light colliers into Yarmouth pier, taken one vessel, and it is feared will do more mischief. Notices of a French sloop and other vessels. That taken by the Fanfan was a French ship, her lading worth 20,000*l.*, but pretends the Duke of York's passes; she was not taken till after a long chase. She is carried to the Buoy of the Nore.

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April 11. 20. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Notices of vessels. The works
Harwich. go on: the fourth of the Duke's companies has come, so that now there are Sir Christopher Wray's, Sir Chas. Littleton's, Col. Legg's, and Capt. Roscarrow's; Capt. Cartwright's is at Landguard Fort. Has nearly finished a map of those coasts, which Sir Bernard De Gomme, by the King's command, ordered him to prepare.
- April 11. 21. Chris. Sanderson to Williamson. Sends three papers from the intelligencer; Rawlinson is a scrivener, and goes about the country teaching children to write. Has sent the intelligencer 50 miles off, to see if anything is really designing. *Encloses,*
21. I. *Willm. Haygett to Mr. Phillipson. Rawlinson says that he was with Sir Rich. Ingoldsby when he tried to engage several persons; that last year they spent a week with the Earl of Derby, who is already engaged in the Protector's interest, and has engaged many others; the Earl has received great kindness from both Protectors, for when the Parliament only allowed the young Earl 20s. a day, the Protector allowed him 10,000l. a year; the son of Col. Moore, one of the late King's judges, is engaged, and says he married the Earl's sister; told Rawlinson he wondered Ingoldsby did not escape with the Earl of Derby, who at that time was said to be fled with Buckingham; he said Ingoldsby was to head a party, and might be sent for within a fortnight. Chris. Eyons, hearing of Buckingham's commitment, praised him as a true and brave statesman, and said he was as unbiassed a person as any in England. Eyons went to York, but boasted that he need not have gone, for the judge took his business off the file as soon as they came to speak of it. He spoke in York Castle gaol with Theodore Parkinson, who is in hopes to obtain his enlargement. Was at George Bateman's in Durham when Rob. Bell said that Capt. Hutton was exceedingly afraid of Leving when he was last in the country. Sends verses given him by Spiridian Parkinson, who says they were written by Mr. Cocks on Sir Henry Vane's sufferings. Begs their return. [1½ pages.] April 6, 1667.*
21. II. *Eulogy on Sir Henry Vane, 34 lines, beginning—
"Great soul never understood
Until deciphered by thy blood."*
- April 11. Warrant from Sec. Morice to Captains of ships at sea,
Whitchall. Governors, Magistrates, &c., to cause Luke Dungan a Popish priest, lately come into England contrary to law, to be transported back to France in the next Calais packet boat. [*Ent. Book 28, p. 4.*]
- April 11. 22. John Cox and J. Uthwat to the Navy Comrs. Two of the
Deptford Yard. cables belonging to the Hardereen ordered for sea, being unservice-

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able, were sent ashore, but one being conveyed away at night, the bontawain accuses the bontawain of the yard of it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

- [April 11.] 23. Sir Wm. Warren to Mr. Hayter. Sends discharges given by Capt. Perriman, by order of the Prize Comrs., for three Gottenburg ships. Wants perfect bills for seven other ships named. The Board agreed with Mr. Tindall, master of the John, that the ships should be put out of pay March 20; it was the 25th before they could get away, but it is not worth while urging the Board for four or five days. The ships want bills for freight, and the men tickets for their wages. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

23. I. *Account of the beginning and ending of the unloading of the two Gottenburg ships at Woolwich and four at Deptford.* April 11, 1667.

23. II. *Certificate by Thos. Harper, that the times of unloading four Gottenburg ships named are agreeable with the books in the yard at Deptford.*

23. III. *Wm. Sheldon to the Navy Comrs. Gives the dates when the last goods were taken out of the Coventry and Lamb, Gottenburg ships, and received ashore.*

- April 12. 24. Sir Jer. Smith to the Navy Comrs. The poor man who
Hall. cleans the ships there should be satisfied, having run his credit as far as possible. The Guernsey is very foul, and having to be sent on the expedition, must be cleaned; has procured the man a little more credit, and given him encouragement for cleaning her likewise. The Swallow has sprung a leak, and must of necessity be hauled ashore, but, unless the man be supplied, knows not how it can be accomplished. Wants three Union flags, by the Monmouth or the three ketches, if they have not come forth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

- April 12. 25. Sir Wm. Coventry to Mr. Clements, master of the Bisane
yacht. Orders him to proceed to the Nore, to attend on Sir John Mennes, who is paying the ships, and to follow his orders, in the room of the Katherine, ordered upon other service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

- April 12. 26. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of ships that
Plymouth. have sailed with their convoys or remain in the Sound. [*Adm. Paper.*]

- April 12. 27. Sir Edw. Spragg to Sam. Pepys. Asks for a surgeon for the
Chatham. Charles V. Capt. Foskew [*Fortescue?*] is willing that Mr. Flatman should be appointed, as he is diligent and deserving. [*Adm. Paper.*]

- April 12. 28. Fras. Malory to James Hickey. Has no news. None of the
Fembroke. King's ships are on the coasts.

- April 12. 29. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

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April 12. 30. M. Scott to Williamson. Sir And. Ramsay, provost of Edinburgh, has set forward to London. An East country Amsterdam prize has been brought into Holy Island, taken by the Mayor of Newcastle's privateer.
- April 12. 31. John Clarke to James Hiekes. A vessel laden with lemons, &c., from Portugal and three of the King's frigates have arrived.
- April 12. 32. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.
- April 12. 33. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The Roebuck has brought in a Dutch wine and brandy prize; capers have much troubled those parts lately and taken many vessels about the Land's End, &c.; some sixth-rate frigates are wanted; four frigates, with several merchant ships under their convoy, are gone into the Sonndings.
- April 12. 34. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Repeats his request for the Plymouth postmaster to be continued in his place; should he die, being very ill, recommends James Jackson, who will give a gratuity of 20 pieces for the place. Tidings from Scilly of the arrival there of powder, &c., for the King's service.
- April 12. 35. L. B. [Leonard Bower] to Williamson. Particulars of a contest between a privateer pretending to be from Hull and a collier, and of other vessels seen.
- April 12. 36. A. B[ower] to Williamson. Two Dutch men-of-war chased three West country vessels going to Lynn, took one, and ran the other two ashore; all would have been taken had not one of the men-of-war run ashore. Notices of other vessels. Capt. Dorrell has come to town with his company.
- April 12. 37. James Hiekes to [Williamson]. Sends all letters come to hand by the English and Scotch posts.
- April 12. 38. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. It is rumoured that the enemy's fleet will soon be at sea. The Lenox privateer has sent in a Calais prize. Sir Wm. Davidson landed three days ago.
- April 12. 39. Dan. Flensing to Williamson. They have been busy in Rydal. Kendal barony about getting in the poll assessment, with as much advantage to the King and as little clamour of the poor as may be. The country is extremely indigent, on account of the long damage to trade, but though there are no officers nor qualities among them that can be assessed for the tax, except a few gentlemen, yet if all England pays proportionably, the poll money will amount to 600,000*l*. Wishes the enemy's offers of peace may prove real; if there be a design to trapan, hopes they will be treated as they deserve. Thinks the King should empower every train-band captain to list and arm as many more able soldiers on the King's pay as he has on the country's charge, and exercise them constantly, so that men would be raised who could easily be drawn together or disbanded. This would less alarm people with the noise of a standing army. [1½ pages.]

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April 12. 40. Dr. P. Mews to Williamson. Begs to add the interest of a
Reading. friend to that of relationship, to obtain the utmost assistance for
Williamson's cousin. Endorsed "My Cousin Pocock." *Encloses,*
40. 1. *Ann Pocock to Williamson. Begs influence with Lord
Arlington to obtain for her brother-in-law, Hawker, a
place as clerk in the post office. Reading, April 12.*
- April 12. 41. "Advices," being notes from letters, all calendared above.
- April 12. 42. Dr. Rich. Coling to Williamson. The Lord Chamberlain
wishes no letters to be sent to Sydney Sussex College or the Vice-
Chancellor of Cambridge, for John Fuller against Edward Alston,
without his knowledge.
- April? 43. The King to the [Master, &c.] of Sydney Sussex College.
A. B. [John Fuller] having subscribed the declaration pursuant to
the Act of Parliament before his enjoyment of any privileges of a
fellowship, though not before his admission, is to receive all
privileges as fully as though he had subscribed before Christmas;
and the letters in behalf of [Edw.] Alston, B.A., are to be complied
with on the next vacancy of a foundation fellowship. [*Draft.*]
- April 12. Commission for — Grimes to be Lieutenant to Lord Colepeper
in the Isle of Wight. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 141 a.*]
- April 12. Pass for 12 couple of dogs for Comte de Vertin. Minute. [*Ent.
Book 23, p. 431.*]
- April 12. Grant to Fras. Smethwick of a new way to grind optic glasses
Whitehall. that are not spherical, which will add much to the value of per-
spective glasses, by sea and land. Minute. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 5.*]
- April 12. Pass, at request of Merchants of London, for the ship Charity,
laden with English commodities, to go to New England, thence to
Spain, and to return to London. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 5 b.*]
- April? 44. Petition of Comr. Pett to the King, for gift of the old prize
hoy, the Young King, now lying at Chatlam, and of little or no
use.
- April 12. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver the old prize
Whitehall. hoy, Young King, to Peter Pett, Navy Comr., on whom it is
bestowed. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 5 b.*]
- April 12. 45. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The coal fleet only waits a
Newcastle. wind, the convoys being ready. The Mayor of Newcastle's privateer
has taken off the coast of Denmark, and brought into Holy Island
a prize of 150 tons, laden with barley, bound for Amsterdam.
- April 12. 46. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Sir Rob. Hildyard's com-
Hull. pany has marched to Bridlington. Sir Jer. Smith has come to
town, and says that such vessels as are ready by Monday shall have
convoy as far as the roads.

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April 12. 47. Edw. Bodham to [Williamson]. A Dutch sloop plundered
Lynn. and fired a sloop in Hitcham haven, but the fire was got out and the
hull preserved; the sloop is thought to have some one on board
who knows the sands in the bay well; she is almost daily in the
Channel, between Lynn and Boston, and interrupts the commerce.
A galliot and Dutch privateer are daily seen at Thornham. A
cobbler from Coquet Island saw no enemy till she came into Lynn
Channel, when that sloop shot away her rudder. At the general
sessions, Mr. Steward, the recorder, said in his charge nothing
against the Roman Catholics, nor about Church affairs, leaving that
to the spirituality, but he acquainted the grand jury with a certain
sort of people who came to Church in sermon time, but not to
service, and the jury made their presentments accordingly. A
woman was found guilty of the murder of her infant; another not
guilty for accidentally killing a man; six condemned to be whipped
for petty larceny, and a fortune teller or conjurer condemned to
imprisonment.
- April 13. Warrant confirming an assignation made by the Duke of
Albemarle, master of the horse, of 200*l.*, due for oats, &c., to
Alex. Holt, garnitor of the Mews to Sir John Colleton, Bart., to
whom Holt owes the said sum, but refuses to pay. [*Ent. Book 26,*
p. 56.]
- April 13. 48. John Lysle to Williamson. Is still busy about examination
West Cowes. of prizes. Lord Gerard has arrived, and is now with the officers of
the island, surveying the fortifications; hopes by his lordship's
means,—his employment equalling his merits,—that care will soon
be taken of them. [*Damaged.*]
- April 13. 49. Fras. Newby to James Hickey. Has long been silent, having
Haverich. no news. Is much engaged in paying the workmen and looking
after the fortifications.
- April 13. 50. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The Fanfan reports that 100
Aldborough. light colliers are in Ouseley Bay, with the Milford and Nightingale
for convoy; no pickeroons are on the coast.
- April 13. 51. John Bower to James Hickey. Forty light colliers wait a
Bridlington. wind to go northward. Sir Jer. Smith and several of the deputy
lieutenants have been at Bridlington about securing the place.
Several Holland capers have been seen lately.
- April 13. 52. John Jolliffe to Williamson. Besides the 1,000*l.* which Sir
East India Gervase Lucas is to be furnished with at Bombay, there requires
House. 10*l.* a head for transportation of 20 soldiers, and the King's pleasure
should be signified to the Company. The tender made this morning
was to show the Company's respect to Williamson; they have higher
obligations to Lord [Arlington]. The Council order mentioned that
the King's pleasure should be signified to Sir G. Lucas, to encourage
and assist the English factories and trade in those parts.
- April 13. 53. Rich. Forster to James Hickey. Has nothing to write this
Newcastle. post.

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April 13. Weymouth. 54. C. S[awtell] to Edm. Sawtell. Capt. Tite of the Dover privateer fetched up six or eight sail of ships. Guns were heard, and some think she has taken a prize, others think it is only salutes of our own ships. Capt. Abbott has put to sea with the Weymouth privateer. Sir Herbert Lancelot's [Lunsford's] foot company has come into the town, Capt. Killigrew's being gone.
- April 13. Weymouth. 55. John Pocock to James Hiekes. Has no news.
- April 13. Harwich. 56. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Tiger and Elias sailed, but were put back by the wind. The Flying Greyhound has come into the Rolling Grounds.
- April 13. Lyme. 57. Anth. Thorold to James Hiekes. Many guns have been heard for several days from the S.E. It is said that the French have taken and carried into Brest one of our homeward-bound East Indiaman. A Lyme vessel has also been taken and carried into St. Malo.
- April 13. Edinburgh. 58. Rob. Mein to [Williamson]. A duel was fought in the Link of Leith, between two parties and two seconds, the Master of Ramsay and Sir Jas. Hume, of Ackells, Wm. Douglas, brother to the Laird of Blaikierston, and the Laird of Spot, who were all wounded. There is a report that captains Hamilton, Atchinson, and Broome are defeated by the Dutch, and Atchinson sunk. The Dutch are cruising about the mouth of the Forth.
- April 13. Dover. 59. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Asks payment of an imprest bill for 400*l.*, as the men are very earnest for their money, which has been due a year, and unwilling to assist without a settlement of arrears. The stores are for many things well replenished, and were the arrears paid, men would furnish what is necessary. The thieves sold the canvas stolen out of the stores to such hands that, when the writer discovered a part, rather than answer it at the sessions and endure a trial, they brought the whole to the storehouse. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 13. Gravesend. 60. Rich. Elkin to Sam. Pepys. The master of the Elizabeth ketch will obey their desire, as soon as the goods on board are delivered. The sheriffs have not sent the fellow to receive the punishment ordered by the judge. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 13. Ipswich. 61. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. No ships have been victualled since his last. They have brewed but not baked, the storehouses being full. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 13. 62. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. His Royal Highness intends the Anne, Kent, and Amity to carry over the ambassadors. When they have paid the West India ships, these must be paid. Asks whether in case of a peace, all the prize ships now in the Navy, as men-of-war, fire-ships, victuallers, &c., have been condemned as prize, and if not, whether they may not be questioned hereafter. This ought to be enquired into, and such as are not condemned in

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the Admiralty Court should be proceeded against. Requests that all ships of war intended for sea be sent to the Hope as soon as they can be, to complete their men and provisions. Their appearance will be of better reputation, if not of use. The Drake and Blackmoor have long lain expecting pay and doing no service. Asks if his Royal Highness's direction for sealing up the book of one of the clerks at every pay, and the speedy making up of the others is observed. It is a good rule, and almost the only one which does not depend upon money, as be the latter much or little, it may be observed, and therefore its omission will have no excuse. Hears that the commissioners of accounts will sit shortly; questions if the books are yet made up for them. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

April 14. 63. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The Roebuck is attending her convoys for the Downs, and the Garland ready to sail. Plymouth. Declines to sign Mr. Lanyon's accounts, because he refuses to have the workmen's bills examined. Shall send an account of what he has received and given no credit for. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 14. 64. Capt. Ric. Teate to the Navy Comrs. Sailed from the Buoy The Friesland, of the Nore, with three ships and two fly-boats for the Downs, and Portsmouth. came in to Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 14. 65. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Sends a list of the French Fleet and the regiments under pay; there is great sickness in that fleet, 300 out of 600 men are taken from one ship, sick of the plague. Three great English ships laden with powder and saltpetre are at Scilly, but dare not venture up the Channel without a convoy. A privateer has brought two prizes into Scilly, laden with salt, wine, and brandy. Great shooting has been heard at sea.

April 14. 66. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect.

April 14. 67. Capt. Anth. Gilby to Williamson. The captains of the Ruby Hull and Swallow are come from the mouth of the river, and report that the Pearl and Little Victory are chasing two of the enemy's picket-boats which came within the river.

April 14. 68. Capt. Robt. Robinson, of the Warspite, to Williamson. Has London. been often to the office, but failed to see him. The Duke of York says Lord Arlington is sick, or else his business had been done; wishes his lordship to be reminded of it.

April 14. 69. A. B[ower] to Williamson. Two small Dutch capers have Yarmouth. taken a Yarmouth vessel, within gunshot off Winterton, but they had not powder and shot there to defend the vessel. Notices of ships. Major Wyndham and his troop have come to Yarmouth; Sir Fras. Compton's troop has marched out.

April 14. 70. James Hickes to Williamson. Sends the Yarmouth Road letters, and a barrel of scollops, a present from Mr. Burrows of Kinsale.

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April 14. Berwick. 71. M. Scott to Williamson. All is quiet and peaceable there, save that many persons from the neighbourhood go into Scotland with horses, to be troopers.
- April 14. Portsmouth. 72. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The ships now there are hastening to be fitted and graved this spring tide.
- April 15. Swansea. 73. Joh. Man to Williamson. Has no news to impart.
- April 15. Aldborough. 74. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Passage of colliers. It is reported that De Witt is to be generalissimo, waiving the Prince of Orange in all things; that there is to be no hindrance to Dutch fishing on our seas, no striking flag to the English, and the business of Amboyna forgotten. If so, God bless all Englishmen. A light fleet of colliers in sight has given rise to a report of its being the Dutch fleet, sent to block up Harwich; the mouths of such malignants, who influence the nation, should be stopped.
- April 15. Whitby. 75. Thos. Waade to Williamson. Three capers have been so near the shore that their drums were easily heard; sent word of this to Bridlington, where 60 light ships lie at anchor without convoy. The capers haled the fishermen's lines, for want of better purchase.
- April 15. Weymouth. 76. C. S[awtell] to Edm. Sawtell. The shooting heard was Capt. Tite's taking a ship in Portland Road, but it proved to be a Swede; he has got another prize, and is taking her to Dover. Capt. Abbott has brought in a prize laden with hazel nuts, oranges, and lemons, going from Bilboa to Amsterdam. The Nonsuch has come in from cruising.
- April 15. Weymouth. 77. John Pocock to James Hicke. The Hopeful Providence has brought in an Amsterdam prize, laden with nuts and lemons from Bilboa.
- April 15. 78. Agreement between Wm. Milward and Valentine Rawlins, whereby the latter agrees to construct and drain a vault 11 feet square and 6 feet high in the chancel of a church not named; to raise the lower part of the chancel a foot higher, raise the vault a foot higher than before expressed, &c., for which he is to receive 7l.
- April 15. Dover. 79. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Capt. Armstrong's troop of horse, being part of the Earl of Oxford's regiment, has come in. In France they cry for peace. Hopes Lord [Arlington's] recovery. At Midsummer his lordship will have the disposing of the packet boats; will be glad to serve him therein. A gentleman who landed eight days ago, confessing himself of the Romish persuasion, was detained in his journey to Sir Ri. Sandys', nine miles off, and is ordered by Sec. Morice to return to France; he wants to know whether he may not first see London.
- April 15. Peasebush. 80. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The French pickeroons are very busy in those parts, and have taken three or four colliers, in sight of the people on shore; 16 or 17 vessels are off the Manacles, but the wind is against them.

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April 15. 81. Joh. Smith to Williamson. No pickeroons are seen, and
Margate. strong guards are kept along the coast.
- April 15. 82. Warrant from Lord General Albemarle to Sir Thos. Clarges,
Cockpit. commissary of musters, to muster seven men named, one in each of the
companies at Berwick, though not present, as the King has granted
their pay to Dan. Collingwood, deputy governor of Holy Island.
If the companies are too full on muster, a man is to be disbanded
from each, to provide for the execution of this order.
- April 15. 83. "Advices," being memoranda from letters calendared above.
[1½ pages.]
- April 15. 84. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. The landing of
Chester. 1,500 or 1,600 Irish cattle at Worrall, 10 miles distant, has bred
commotion between the owners and seizers, but the assizes will end
the disputes, several persons being bound to appear for contempt
of the Act. Asks the truth of a reported quarrel between the Dukes
of York and Albemarle, in which the former struck the latter with
a cane.
- April 15. 85. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. Three vessels have gone
Lyme. with provisions for Jersey and Guernsey. A Dutch privateer has
come into the bay; good watch is kept to prevent mischief from
such pestering rogues. Asks where a commission can be had for a
privateer; wants to join some who have lost by the enemy, and
wish to recover their loss that way. A vessel was forced ashore at
Abbotsbury, and hoped for help from the town, but the whole place
only afforded two muskets.
- April 15. 86. Ph. Pett, master shipwright, to the Navy Comrs. Asks for an
Chatham Dock. order to clean the Monmouth, as Capt. Clarke desires it to be done.
Her works being nearly finished, she may sail in two or three days
after she is off the ground. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 15. 87. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Hoped the bill had been
Comptil. answered, but finds small encouragement in his more than ordinary
trouble. Has been so employed in getting the ship in a capacity to
sail that he has not had time to look after the bill, and is sorry if
he has been thought too forward. Was ordered to supply the ship
with all things needful, men and provisions being wanted; asked
them to impose the providing them upon some person capacitated
to do it, and declared that he could not perform it unless supplied
with money; but the trouble being put on him, judged that the
press warrant, under the hand and seal of his Royal Highness, was not
sent to lie by him; believed that in the faithful discharge of his
duty he should meet with encouragement, and therefore prosecuted
the business diligently. Particulars of his proceedings; had he
not undertaken the management, the whole business had been
overthrown. The stores ordered have not arrived. [*Adm. Paper,*
2 pages.]

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 April 15. 88. Capt. Thos. Willoughby to Thos. Hayter. Asks delivery to his surgeon of the bills for the Portsmouth ketch, bound on an expedition to the West Indies; with note by Wm. Clarke to Thos. Hayter, recommending their delivery. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 16. 89. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Desires they will cause a drum to be beaten about the town, for all the men belonging to the Rupert to repair to the ship at Portsmouth, and for any seamen willing to serve the said ship, under the command of Capt. John Hubbard, to hasten down to her. Capt. Hubbard hopes by this means to get some volunteers. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 16.
 Harwich. 90. Capt. Thos. Langley to the Navy Comrs. Has shipped all his provisions. Wanted to exchange six of the guns for some of half the weight, but it is denied by the Officer of the Ordnance there. The ship cannot be a good sailer, as there is not a limber hole in her, but the water is to come over the timbers; it was a mistake to bestow so great a cost upon so bad a foundation. Has his sailing orders, but the ship is not ready, nor a quarter manned. Asks for a three months' imprest bill for the Edward and Eve. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 16.
 Rye. 91. Edmond Harris, mayor of Rye, to the Navy Comrs. The enclosed directed to him concerns Mr. Bower of Bridlington, where he supposes the letter intended for him is gone. Has suffered Mr. Gillart, on his son-in-law Mr. Cheston's behalf, to take possession of the St. Andrew, according to his contract. The masts being old, and no possibility of slinging them, it is feared they will be broken by their fall into the water. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 16.
 Plymouth. 92. Sa. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Their honours' esteem recompenses for a time the want of money. Was recommended by other masters, yet they made him give place to Mr. Secretary's son-in-law, but hopes better things. Victualling of frigates. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 16.
 Plymouth. 93. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Arrival of ships named. Mr. Lanyon will not let him have the blockmaker's and other bills to certify what is fit to be allowed; has therefore refused before Sir John Skelton to sign his accounts. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 16.
 Plymouth Fort. 94. Sir John Skelton to the Navy Comrs. Much wonders that Mr. Waltham, clerk of the cheque, was not sooner complained of, and has continued so long in his place. He is a drunken idle fellow, and not fit for any employment; told Sir Wm. Clarke as much before he had his commission, but he was recommended by a friend whom Sir William wished to oblige. Mr. Lanyon has often complained that he was always drunk, and could not attend the service, nor sign his accounts. Got Mr. Waltham to appear before him yesterday, when he said he was not bound to attend Mr. Lanyon, neither would he, but if Mr. Lanyon would bring the accounts to his office, he would enter and sign them. Knows not that Waltham has an office, unless it be a brandy and wine shop or tap-house. The captains of the

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frigates are always complaining for want of men, yet Mr. Waltham and the purasers close the rolls as complete. Recommends a discreet gentleman to supply his place, if they resolve to remove him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 16.
Plymouth.

95. John Goodier to the Navy Comra. Complains of the rude and insufferable carriage of Capt. Liddell, commander of the Roebuck; he never goes on board night or day, and if told of the danger, he defies all the Navy Officers, and leaves the King's ship in danger of being lost, the French capers appearing daily upon the coast; he will observe no orders but his own pleasure, which he says shall be done; he carries an instrument of music by a boy up and down the town, and leads the gentlemen's sons to ill-houses. Does not wish the disgrace to reflect on them. It is a pity that a fellow has any command who cannot command himself. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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96. Sir W. Coventry to Williamson. The workmen of Harwich dockyard are allowed, at their own desire, to be listed and exercised, which will cost the King nothing and may be very serviceable. They are about 200. The Duke of York wants a commission for Ant. Deano to list and train them in a company for defence of that place.

April 16.
Tuesday.

97. K. Lady Ranelagh to Williamson. Is sorry to importune him about her lord's affairs, but his day of hearing is the 26th, and if she have not the reference to dispatch to him by Saturday's post, it will scarcely get over in time. Begs for the petition and reference which she sent, to have some mistakes of words corrected; will return it in a few hours. [*2 pages.*]

April 16.
Newcastle.

98. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The laden colliers have gone to sea with a fair wind, being the largest fleet that has gone at once for many months.

April 16.
Harwich.

99. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The works about the town are prosecuted by four companies of soldiers. His maps of the coast are almost ready for the King and Duke.

April 16.
Portsmouth.

100. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Lord Gerard has been to visit the fortifications at the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth, and has gone for London. Notices of ships.

April 16.
Whitehall.

101. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth to enter Sir John Baber into the establishment with the other physicians, and pay his board wages and profits out of moneys assigned for payment from the coffer of pensions, which have become void since Michaelmas last, till 12s. a day be paid him; to continue till the next vacancy, when he is to be admitted to the place of King's physician, he being left out in the last establishment. [*Copy.*]

April 16.
Whitehall.

Sec. Morice to Lord Treas. Southampton or Lord Ashley. The King wishes the 200*l.* a week allowed to the ambassadors extraordinary appointed to treat at Breda to begin from April 16. [*Env. Book 26, p. 5.*]

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April 17. 102. Anth. Thorold to Williamson. Particulars of an attack on
Lyme. three Guernsey vessels, by a Flushing of four guns; one was taken,
one run ashore near Abbotsbury. A man tried to raise the country,
but those parts could not produce two muskets, though 20*s.* a piece
was proffered for the use of them, yet it is an easy landing place for
an enemy. The third vessel was run ashore and partly plundered,
but the country came in with arms from Bridport, and forced them
off.
- April 17. 103. Thos. Holden to Williamson. A Spanish vessel has come in
Falmouth. with an English ship-master, put on board by a Flushing, who
took his vessel and used him kindly, but ill-used the master of a
Swedish vessel laden with tin, which she took. Thirty privateers
are said to be lately put out of Flushing, which may do much
mischief to merchantmen. The shooting on Saturday was among a
fleet of Dutch and Swedes bound up the Channel, done in an
undervaluing manner of the English.
- April 17. 104. Sir Geoffery Shakerley to Williamson. Being unable to get
Chester Castle. any other answer from the Earl of Derby to Lord Arlington's
letter than that he would think of it, wrote to him with Sir Peter
Pindar, setting forth the state of Chester Castle, and urging him, in
pursuance of the King's orders, to deliver moneys for its repair; he
said he must first write to London. Wonders his lordship should
continue so long in delays, which are very prejudicial to the service.
The workmen cannot leave the work till it is finished, and are now
working on the writer's credit. Begs a more peremptory order to
the Earl to deliver out as much more of the militia money as shall
make up 3,000 marks, for completing this great work.
- April 17. 105. Ben. Francis to Williamson. Passage of a fleet of 500
Sunderland. colliers with convoys. A French sloop, pursuing some light colliers,
was chased and taken by the Oxford frigate, which had them in
convoy.
- April 17. 106. "Advices," being notes from letter calendared above, and
from one from Yarmouth, that two Dutch pickeroons have made
prize of a Yarmouth vessel, and passed through the roads. Arrival
of other vessels. Major Wyndham and his troop have gone for Yar-
mouth, and also Sir Fras. Compton's soldiers.
- April 17. 107. Edm. Sawtell to Williamson. Sends another letter from
Weymouth, which more plainly mentions the thoughts of that place
concerning Capt. Tite's shooting.
- April 17. 108. Jon. Muscall to Williamson. Went to Launsbrough to attend
York. Lord Lieut. Burlington, and is ordered to stay at York till he
comes, as he intends to entertain the gentry at the writer's house.
Begs not to be prejudiced by this compulsory stay.
- [April 17.] 109. Petition of Christopher Maynard to the King. Had a stock of
commodities at Morlaix and St. Malo ready to import, being the pro-
duce of the sale of English manufactures, when the proclamation
against their import was issued; but finding they will be forfeited to

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the French King unless speedily shipped, his factor has put them to sea; begs permission for their landing, having already lost five ships, taken by the French. [*Draft by Williamson. The order in Council permitting the landing of the goods is dated April 17, 1667.*]

April 17.
Golden Sam,
Spithead.

110. Theo. Scott to the Navy Comrs. Is ordered by Comr. Middleton to sail to the Downs, and has set forth twice, but been forced back again. Will then hasten up to London to conclude his employment, unless they need the ship to take over Lord Holles or Mr. Coventry's attendants or goods to Holland. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 17.
Dover.

111. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Account of provisions brought to Rye by order of Squire Gauden. Will go to Rye in a month to see if any part have been disposed of, and asks for an order, and Gauden's letter to the agent there, to allow him to take an account thereof. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 18.
Gravesend.

112. Rich. Elkin to Sam. Pepys. Sends an account of warrants issued; four ships are still in the Hope. The sheriffs have not sent the person convicted of forgery to receive the punishment ordered. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 18.

113. Abra. Parker to the Navy Comrs. Having a commission as muster-master to the northern squadron, requests to be allowed to take up his abode in any ship, at any time, lest the one he is now in should be ordered out cruising, and he be thereby obstructed in his duty; wants a boat for passage, and a convenient cabin to make up his books; also that vessels at sea and posts on shore be ordered to convey the books to the office. Has spent much time and money in the service, and received no salary. Asks for an order to Mr. Stephens for payment of four or five tickets signed long since, so that he may pay his debts and go to his duty. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 18.
Portsmouth.

114. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Duke of York is expected at Harwich to day; some of his retinue came last night; three foot companies are ordered for defence of the garrison.

April 18.
Harwich.

115. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Passage of colliers. Col. Farr is to march from Landguard Fort to Yarmouth, and Capt. Cartwright, with one of the Duke of York's companies, to take possession of the fort. Sir John Mennes is at Harwich to pay the dockyard; the fortifications go on.

April 18.
Hall.

116. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. A Hull vessel met and plundered two small sloops, but let them go, the master having a Swede's pass. The London fleet of 20 sail has joined the Newcastle colliers of 400 sail. The Oxford has sent in a small Holland privateer. Several pickeroons are seen on the coast. Notices of other ships. [*2 pages.*]

April 18.
Whisby.

117. Thos. Waude to Williamson. Nearly 400 sail of laden colliers with six convoys have passed by, and the light fleet has gone to Tynemouth.

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118. Peter Crabb to Lord Arlington. The western parts put themselves in a warlike posture, and have officers in every place, pretending the Papists are likely to rise; they have set the Non-conformist ministers to work, they plot to rise in every shire in England, hope to carry the day, and strive to get their party strong and bloody. The poll money is not exactly gathered, because the fanatics had the taking of the people's names. Wishes intelligencers would look well to to the King's service. Cannot come to London, being in debt there, but will tell more to Sir Gilbert Talbot, if he come down to Plymouth with the Earl of Bath.

April 18.
Aldborough.

119. Rich. Browne to Williamson. A frigate has sailed northward with four or five small colliers; as guns are heard, supposes she has met a pickeroon, or given salutes in Yarmouth Roads.

April 19.

120. H. Old to Williamson. Will put into English and return the paper sent. Sends him an arrest, regulating the mendicant order of monks. There is news from France that a company is established for church liberty; that war is declared against the Low Countries, and the Spaniards boast of a league offensive and defensive with England; that a tract has been published by the late Mr. Naudé, authorizing tyranny, perfidy, and atheism; and that the King has gone to Parliament for reformation of justice, which was very necessary.

April 19.
Plymouth
Fort.

121. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Does not think there will be any convoy for the captain of the Little Charles, bound for Bombay, till Sir John Harman, bound for Barbadoes, comes. Presses for the warrant for his salary; the money is drawing away apace. Arrival of vessels from the Madeiras. A Dutch caper has taken one of several vessels belonging to Falmouth merchants, manned with Swedes, trading to France with tin, and bringing home salt. The captain was forced to confess by torment, being bound with cords; there were 20 tons of tin aboard. The caper lay under the rock, hoping for other prizes, but the vessels had notice and did not come ont. [2 pages.]

April 19.
Plymouth.

122. John Clarke to James Hiekes. Eight or nine vessels have arrived from the Madeiras, Jamaica, and Barbadoes, with a prize, taken by the Delph. The western ports are much pestered with French pickeroons, which have taken several coasters. Hopes this will be prevented.

April 19.

123. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

April 19.
Plymouth.

124. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Hopes Sir Thos. Allin, who came on the 17th, will secure those parts from the capers which daily take colliers and coasters to the westward. The Dover has brought in a prize laden with Spanish wool and salt, which pretends to be of Ostend. The Delph has brought in 13 or 14 more merchant ships from the Madeiras, Virginia, and Jamaica, one of 200 tons, laden with powder and saltpetre for the King's use, which

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- April 19. 125. "Advices," being notes from letters calendared above, and from one dated Hull, April 16; Sir Jer. Smith has ordered the building of three forts at Burlington, one in the midst of the town to defend the quay, and one on each side. Notices of ships. A small dogger is brought into Whitby, without fish. A Danish man-of-war is spoken of, off Scarborough.
- April 19. 126. Edw. Christian to Williamson. Understanding that the deputy postmasters' places are again to be disposed of, begs restoration to that of Grantham, from which he was removed by the disingenuous dealing of Sir Phil. Frowde. Requests his influence.
- April 19. 127. Fras. Malory to James Hickey. Several privateers between Pembroke and the Land's End much hinder the coal trade, there being no frigates on the coast.
- April 19. 128. John Wickens to James Hickey. Several Dutch and French privateers are cruising in the bay; a shallop took four men out of a boat, but left two men in her; 300 colliers and four frigates are going southward. Wonders he has no written news.
- April 19. 129. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Arrival of ships from Virginia, Barbadoes, Lishon, and the West country.
- April 19. 130. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Something might have been done about the laces seized at the custom house, had the notice come earlier, but now they are condemned and sold. There is a hot discourse that the ambassadors are stopped, and no hopes of a treaty.
- April 19. 131. A. B[ower] to Williamson. Passage of colliers and other vessels; two small privateers were within musket shot of a pink laden with cats for London, but the Fanfan and Spy drove them off. An Aldborough ship was accidentally put ashore, but there are hopes of saving both coals and ship.
- April 19. Warrant to Wm. Legg, Lieut-General and Treasurer of Ordnance, Whitehall. to assign to the Navy Treasurer eight orders for 5,000*l.* each, made on the additional Aid of 1,250,000*l.*, the Ordnance Comrs. having consented to lend 40,000*l.* for the use of the Navy, to be repaid by orders on the 11 months' tax, after the registration of the last 80,000*l.*, which is to complete the 380,000*l.* directed, by Act of Parliament, to be paid to the Navy officers and mariners for their salaries. [*Ent. Book 26, p. 4.*]
- April 19. 132. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Would gladly serve in Plymouth. the business of the whale oil, but his credit is much impaired through nonpayment for the cordage bought by their order of Mr. Woolley of Dartmouth. Doubts if he shall be trusted for the future, which troubles him as much as want of payment. Sir Thos. Allin having arrived, shall tender him his account of disbursements,

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and dispatch them by the next post. Arrival of the Delph, the Crown Malaga from Scilly, and the Roebuck which has brought in a small vessel laden with wines and pitch. Has received the canvas from the Prize Comrs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 19. 133. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Arrival of ships from Plymouth. the Madeiras with Messrs Thos. Warren, Batten, and Ford. Cannot give an account of Mr. Lanyon's business, as he refuses to let him see the workmen's bills. Finds no credit for sails, cables, &c., delivered to Lanyon by the several boatswains. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 19. 134. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships Ipswich. There is no brewing nor baking at present. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 20. 135. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the Comptrol. the running ashore of the new frigate, the St. David, by inadvertence of the pilot; she was got off the next tide and brought into the Channel, where she is in good condition, and will soon be got down. Capt. Trevanion has spared 30 of his men; having wages due, it was hoped they would have done better service than those newly pressed, who would be running away every day. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 20. 136. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Twelve oxen and 730 hogs Portsmouth. were slaughtered, and 25 ships named have been victualled since his last account. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 20. 137. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. As soon as his Royal Highness Portsmouth. came to Portsmouth, gave Sir Wm. Coventry the state of the victuals in the port. Finds that Mr. Ganden's agent there is directed to use such a method in supplying good in lieu of bad provisions as will be to the King's loss and victualler's advantage. He does not exchange good for bad, but gives the pursers' receipts for what is defective, and takes their receipts for the fresh supplies. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 20. 138. Sir John Shaw to Sir Wm. Batten. Asks whether the Custom House. Navy Comrs. are willing to contract for 50 or 100 tons of hemp at the price of the last. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 20. 139. Theo. Scott to the Navy Comrs. Arrived at the Downs, but Golden Sand. finding no orders, shall come up to London. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 20. Papers relating to the charges for repairing a Swedish man-of-war, [*Adm. Papers.*] viz :

140. Wm. Shipman to Comr. John Taylor. Asks payment for a barrel of pitch supplied to a Swedish ship in distress; must else take his course in law against those who took his commodities. Aldborough, April 18, 1667.

141. Ant. Deane to Comr. Taylor. Account of articles used on board the Swedish man-of-war which came aground at Aldborough, and was repaired by order of the King and the Duke of York, amounting to 12*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* Asks satisfaction therefor.

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142. Account of the labour and expenses incurred in employing a boat, 20 men, and two teams of horses in 1665, to get the Swedish man-of-war into port, estimated at 1*l.* 19*s.* With certificate by Rich. Browne that he finds the men deserve the money. Aldborough, April 20, 1667

143. Similar account, with additions, amounting to 2*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*

April 20.
Whitehall.

144. Petition of Thos. Bromhall to the King. The Amity of London, freighted by him, after long lying in the Thames, is ready to sail for the Barbadoes, but detained by His Majesty's prohibition, and by her seamen being pressed; begs licence and protection for eight men to sail, which is only half the usual number. Was always faithful, and lost six uncles, a brother, and a considerable estate in His Majesty's service. With reference thereon to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Ashley.

April 20.
Chatham.

145. Sir Edw. Spragg to Williamson. Is daily getting the place into a posture of defence against any attempt of the enemy. Asks when the ambassadors are to sail, that he may meet them at the Buoy of the Nore. Is glad Lord [Arlington] is recovering. Mr. Moore wants a lieutenant's place in the fleet; he spent more money than he received on his former voyage.

April 20.
Dover.

146. Warham Jemmet to Sir Philip Frowde. A Dover privateer fought for two hours so gallantly with two French privateers that they both ran away; the captain, Peter Kenton, and his men have gained much honour. The French are shipping 3,000 seamen for Holland and press the third person at Calais and Dunkirk. There is great preparation for war in Holland, yet one out of every province is chosen for the treaty, which will confound De Witt's party. The mail left yesterday morning, but was becalmed in a fog.

April 20.
Weymouth.

147. John Pocock to Williamson. The Little Victory, a privateer of the Duke of Richmond, has brought in two ships laden with wines and salt, but they will be found to be free ships; a third was brought in by the Hopeful Providence, a Dover privateer, and is manned by Dutchmen, and laden with Spanish wool.

April 20.
Weymouth.

148. Chr. Sawtell to Edm. Sawtell. Capt. Abbott has brought in a prize estimated at 20,000*l.* to 50,000*l.*, laden with Spanish wool, brandy, and some say plate; particulars of her capture off Cape de Hagge; last year she was a Dutch man-of-war. Guns are heard off at sea.

April 20.
Lyons.

149. Anth. Thorold to James Hickey. Upwards of 100 guns have been heard to the south and south-west, but no ships seen there. A fleet, said to be the Dutch, has been seen off Dartmouth. A vessel has just come in from Jersey and Guernsey.

April 20.
Hull.

150. Sir Jer. Smith to Williamson. Hearing that three or four privateers had much damaged the small ships and infested the coasts, ordered the Pearl and Little Victory to cruise; they chased

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two vessels, which escaped among the Boston Sands. The Oxford chased two capers which escaped, but took a pink of six guns. Has been at great trouble in dispatching the coal fleet, and that laden from Hull, for London. The Hollanders have 90 sail ready, 30 being in the Texel.

April 20. 151. John Bower to James Hickes. A ketch has arrived with
Bridlington. guns and ammunition for the fort that is to be erected. Passage of colliers; wants payment for expresses sent.

April 20. 152. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Hopes three vessels coming in
Harwich. are the forerunners of the Newcastle coal fleet. Has not had a letter from him for many months; is glad to hear of Lord Arlington's recovery.

April 20. 153. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Two Swedes met off the Maes
Aldborough. a fleet of Dutch merchantmen, with two small convoys, sailing northward; near Yarmouth two Dutch capers met and plundered them of their clothes. The Swedes have 50 or 60 sail ready to come out, but the Danes only 12 or 14. People are troubled with a letter sent by Capt. Ball to his wife, bidding her carry all she has out of town, as it will be a hot summer, and all will be nought. There are no horse nor foot to secure Aldborough in case of an attempt. Passage of colliers.

April 20. 154. Rl. Watts to Williamson. Arrival of ships; some from
Deal. Bilboa bound for Ostend, full of soldiers.

April $\frac{20}{30}$. 155. Friar Marc of Nantes to Monsieur Lemant, merchant,
Nantes. London. Business transactions with Mr. Lorido; sale of clothes, &c. [*French*, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

April 20. 156. Sir Wm. Hickman to Williamson. Has refrained from
Gainsborough. writing, because of his great business. The poll bill is executed and the money paid in to the receiver; the county [Lincolnshire] is miserably poor.

April 20. 157. Dr. T. Lamplugh to Williamson. Is obliged by the Bishop of
St. Alban's London's kind expressions; would be glad of a prebend at Windsor, Hall. that he might have a house for his family; his wife is now often in Dorsetshire. Dr. Pocock is seriously ill. Mrs. Hickmott's son has died, and is to be interred in St. Andrew's, Holborn, by his father. There is no news from the sheriff of Cumberland; his money is wanted very much.

April 20. Commission to Anthony Deane to be captain of a company which
he is to raise, train, and exercise from amongst the workmen in Harwich yard, for defence of the port in case of foreign invasion. [*Ent. Book* 20, p. 142a.]

[April 20.] 158. Draft of the above.

April 20. Commission for Sir Willm. Godolphin to command the foot com-
pany in Scilly, late Sir Fras. Godolphin's. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, p. 142a.]

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April 20. 159. Pass for the ship *St. Mary* of Dieppe, laden with English manufactures, &c., into Italy, to return with oils, &c., for Nich. Warren and two other merchants.
- Whitehall.
- April 20. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 432.*]
- April 20. Confirmation of the office of Recorder of Chester to William Williams in place of Richard Leving. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 432.*]
- April 20. Privy seal for 97,000*l.* to Sir Stephen Fox, 50,000*l.* for payment of new raised forces, 35,000*l.* for Sir Chichester Wray and Col. Rob. Sydney's regiments, and 12,000*l.* for the Scotch regiment under Lord Douglas. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 432.*]
- April 20. Commissions to Theodore Goodwin to be lieutenant, and Henry Fane to be ensign, in Major Willm. Rolston's foot company in Col. John Russell's regiment. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 5.*]
- April 21. 160. Geo. Williamson to Williamson. As all the postmasters are to take new deputations from Lord Arlington, at such terms as he sets, begs that John Broadwood, a faithful and able man, may be postmaster of Carlisle; engages to pay 20*l.* for the place, and wishes it may be granted as done at his request.
- Bridelkirk.
- April 21. 161. Sir Ph. M[usgrave] to Williamson. Will obey his advice in comparing the intelligence from Durham with the private discourses in those parts, and give his judgment on the temper of the people, and the use the discontented make of the present condition of the great Duke named in his letter. Will assist and encourage Williamson's brother, from duty to the King, as much as though the advantage were his own.
- April 21. 162. M. Scott to Williamson. The two vessels taken by the Princess are come in; one is a prize, being laden from Amsterdam to Drontheim, and the seamen are sent to Leith; the other pretends to be freighted from Dantzic for Leith, by two Scots who live in Amsterdam. Sent for the prizemaster for Hull and Newcastle, there being none there.
- Berwick.
- April 21? 163. Advertisement of a reward for a white spaniel dog belonging to the King, stolen out of the Earl of Suffolk's stables in the Blue Mews, on April 20.
- April 21. 164. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Duke of York has left for London, having surveyed the fortifications of Portsmouth garrison, and taken order for the settlement of all things. The Bonadventure is about to sail for Barbadoes.
- Portsmouth.
- [April 21.] 165. Thos. Burgis to the Navy Comrs. Sends a long account of the persons from whom he had the goods found in his possession, and which he is charged with embezzling from the yard. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*
165. 1. *Petition from Thos. Burgis of Gosport, near Portsmouth, blacksmith, to the Navy Comrs., to give orders for his*

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release, for the preservation of his wife and four children. Was employed by John Timbrell, blacksmith, and Edward Silvester, in the storeyard at Portsmouth, and committed to the custody of a messenger, and his goods seized, on information against him for embezzling goods from the yard.

165. II. *Certificate by Ri. Hodges and ten other inhabitants of the parish of Allverstoke, Gosport, that Thos. Burgis has lived in Gosport 14 years, and has honestly and peaceably demeaned himself; that it is usual for ships to shoot bullets ashore which are taken up by the inhabitants; and that he has filled various offices and passed his accounts.*
March 24, 1667.

165. III. *Certificate by John Timbrell and Edward Silvester that Thos. Burgis has been often employed by them in making the ironwork served by them into the stores.*
April 1, 1667.

165. IV. *Certificate by Quinbonner Marsh of Hascler, near Stokes Bay, Portsmouth, that he and his servants from time to time found 30 round shots in his grounds, and sold them to Thos. Burgis at his shop in Gosport.*
Also,

Certificate by John Roberts, sen., of Gosport, that he broke up an old bark, and sold the iron to the said Thos. Burgis. Also,

Certificate of Jas. Palmer of Gosport, that he saw Boatwain Hill sell to Thos. Burgis, blacksmith, 12 small anchors for fishing craft. Also,

Certificate by John Burt, blacksmith, that he helped to make all the new bolts taken from Thos. Burgis. [2 pages.]
April 10, 1667.

165. v. *Examination of Capt. Edmund Green, commander of the Faithful Scout, before St. J. Steventon. Seized some iron-work in the possession of Burgis, who offered him 40s. to be put to no further trouble in it.*
Portsmouth Dockyard, April 21, 1667.

165. VI. *Certificate by Elizabeth Parkes, that Thos. Burgis was often employed by her late husband Thos. Parkes in making the spikes served to Doctor Perrin for the King's use.*

April 21. 166. John Boone to the Navy Comrs. Asks for a surgeon, being
The Wild Boar, in great need of one. [Adm. Paper.]
Spithead.

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April 22. 1. Capt. John Fortescue of the Charles V. to the Navy Comrs.
Clatham. Recommends Robt. Smith as surgeon for his ship, there being none
aboard; he has Sir Edw. Spragg's consent thereto. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 22. 2. Account by John Wigginner of expenses incurred in repairing
and clearing the John and Giles ketch, amounting to 8*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*
With note by Sir Jer. Smith to Mr. Blaydes, desiring that the ac-
count may be deducted out of the ketch's salary, she being foul and
unable to pay for her cleaning, for want of pay. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 22. 3. Sir Jer. Smith to Sam. Pepys. Finds most of the ships there
Hull. ordered for the northern station foul and out of provisions. The
Swallow is forced to have her hands continually at the pumps, and
many must of necessity be cleaned; the honest carpenter Blaydes
has stretched his credit to the utmost, and is more desirous than
able to lay himself out for furtherance of the service; begs his
reimbursement of 300*l.* The seamen of the Pearl expected their
pay at Harwich, and were almost mutinous for want of it. The
Oxford is 22 months in arrear, and several of the rest seriously
complain for want of money. Asks that care be taken for their
speedy supply, and for contingent charges and new stores. [*Adm.
Paper.*]
- April 22. 4. "Advices," being notes from letters calendared above; also from
the following:—
Hull, April 20: A Dutch privateer is said to be taken by the
Colchester, and lies in the Humber.
Berwick, April 17: The Princess has brought in two rich Dutch
prizes, with Spanish wines, stuffs, flax, hemp, &c., taken off the
Holland coast. [*1½ pages.*]
- April 22. Warrant for a patent to Lewis Bayly of the sole making of an
engine invented by him for cutting and making navigable or
cleansing canals, rivers, &c. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 6.*]
- April? 5. Statement that John Ashburnham has obtained the King's con-
sent for Sir Sackville Crow to resign the workhouse for tapestry at
Mortlake, which with the utensils is to be granted to the Earl of
Craven and others, who will work it at their own expense, without
the former allowance of 1,000*l.* a year, support the manufacture,
which is almost dissolving, and run the risk of the imperfection in
the King's title to the land.
- April 22. Warrant for a grant to William Earl of Craven, William Ashburn-
ham, cofferer, and Thomas Povey of all those houses and buildings in
Mortlake, Surrey, heretofore used by Sir Fras. Crane, for making
tapestry, on rent of 5*s.*, to be conveyed to them also by Sir Rich.
Crow, who pretends a right thereto, on proviso of their being em-
ployed only for the making of tapestry; the grant to include all
looms, utensils, or materials for tapestry now in the said premises.
[*3 pages.*]
- April 22. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 22, pp. 433–5.*]

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April 22. Grant to Sir William Godolphin, Bart., of the office of Receiver General of eos. Cornwall and Devonshire; fee, 50*l.* a year. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 435.*]
- April [22]. 6. Order for a warrant to pay 1,009*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to William Barker, Whitehall. surveyor of the stables, for works done therein for 3½ years.
- April 22. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 435.*]
- April 22. Warrant to Sir Stephen Fox to pay to Sir Godfrey Lloyd 160*l.*, for the clothing of his company in the King's regiment of Guards; the King consenting to bear the loss of the same sum which was before paid to the late Capt. Barker for the same purpose, but from the state of his affairs it cannot be refunded. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 436.*]
- April? 7. Statement that Capt. Barker received 160*l.* for clothing for his company, but used it himself, and shortly died, on which Sir Godfrey Lloyd applied for the clothing money, and was told it was already paid; but at length the King ordered Sir Stephen Fox to pay it again.
- April 22. Warrant to Sir Edw. Walker, Garter king-at-arms, to change the arms formerly ordered to be set up in Windsor Castle for the Duke of Monmouth and Buccleugh into the royal arms, with a baton sinister, and an inescutcheon of the arms of Buccleugh, with crest and supporters as described. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 437-8.*]
- [April 22.] 8. Draft of the above.
- April 22. Warrant to Sir Ralph Freeman and Hen. Slingsby, masters and workers of the Mint, to deliver the medals of gold coined for healing pieces, to Baptist May, present keeper of the privy purse, Viscount Fitzharding, the late keeper, to whom they were warranted to deliver them, being since deceased. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 444.*]
- [April 22.] 9. Draft of the above.
- April 22. 10. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. Begs the office of Postmaster at Pembroke for Morgan Powell, with a reasonable salary; also that at Tenby for Fras. Smyth, both faithful and able men.
- April 22. 11. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Has no news.
Pembroke.
- April 22. 12. Jo. Man to Williamson. No vessel has come in for 10 days; all is quiet and healthful.
Swansea.
- April 22. 13. P. Travedot to Louis Parant. Has spent 1,003*l.* for the prisoners, not including 160*l.* paid for victuals, nor the 3*d.* a day to those who are on parole, and has only received 1,155*l.* 18*s.*; wants money to finish the business, in which he has had much trouble and expense; will be content with what he and M. Gravier order; the prisoners who are at London will relate the difficulties that he

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has had; it is not just that he should lose thereby. [*French. Damaged.*] *Encloses,*

13. 1. *Bill on M. Louis Parant for 155 prisoners, at 3d. a day, from 30 May to 28 Feb.; total, 856l. 9s. [French.]*

April 22.

14. Sir W. Coventry to Williamson. Sir Jeremy Smith has been at Burlington, to lay out a fortification; they have resolved on several batteries, and want an order for breaking ground, which must be directed to Sir Fras. Boynton, Sir Rob. Hildyard, and Sir [Hugh] Bethel.

April?

15. Petition of James Ward to the King, to stay the execution, and order the transportation to the plantations, of his wife, convicted at the Oxford quarter sessions of stealing goods value 3s. 4d.

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Oxford.

16. Dr. John Fell, Vice-chancellor, Wm. Bayly, mayor, and seven other Justices of Gaol Delivery for Oxford, to the King. Certify that Joan, wife of James Ward, was convicted of theft, and having been before burnt in the hand for felony, was sentenced to die, but execution is forborne because the felony was of small value, and she and her husband are very desirous for her to be transported to the plantations. Ask whether this may be allowed, or she must be executed.

April 23.

17. Attestation by John Robinson and three others, that Joan, wife of James Ward, boatman, on Feb. 1, 1667, stole two shirts and four smocks, value 6s. 8d., from John Robinson, cordwainer of Oxford. Also

Attestation by John Cogbill and two others, that the said Joan Ward, on the same day, stole a whittle and band, value 1s. 6d., from John Coghill, tanner of Oxford. [*Latin, copies.*]

April 23.
Plymouth.

18. John Clarke to Williamson. Departure of the Scilly fleet and other vessels. Mr. Warren has taken post for London, to give the King an account of his negotiations. Sir Thos. Allin is come to manage affairs, and the Earl of Bath is expected to hasten the new fortifications and settle the militia in Cornwall.

April 23.
Plymouth.

19. John Clarke to Williamson. Thanks for kindness as to his settlement in the post office; has been ill, but will apply to him further, if restored.

April 23.
Plymouth Fort.

20. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Will observe the order about the fortifications. Begg that the warrant for his salary, which is signed, may be recommended to Lord Ashley, to get his warrant to the deputy-treasurer for its payment; hopes his lordship's secretary, Mr. Blany, will hasten it; will send money for the fees. Arrival and departure of vessels. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne and his squadron are coming. Mr. Lapthorne will give a good gratuity for a permit for the salt vessel to be unladen.

April 23.
Haigh.

21. Sir Roger Bradshaigh to Williamson. Has spoken about him to the Vice-Chancellor who has come thither; he professes the same

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respect for Williamson as before, but says bad offices have been done between them. Urged him to resign, but he says it is neither his interest nor the King's to be baffled by Mr. Watts and his party, who violently oppose him, rather to work mischief for the King's party than for any value they have of Williamson; could not do more without the violation of ancient and obliged friendship.

April 23.
Edinburgh.

22. Rob. Mein to Williamson. Has always received his letters safe and sealed. Has sent to get a new deputation as postmaster, being informed that it is necessary. Capt. Broome has lost his frigate by a shot from the Dutch. Other wine prizes are brought in, and wine is so plentiful that it will be sold at 6*l*. per tun. A little vessel, coming from Amsterdam with a cargo for two Scottish merchants, met with the King's ship Prince, which took away goods value 6,000*l*. sterling, and carried her to Berwick as a wreck.

April 23.
Oxford.

23. Dr. Albertus Otto Faber to Williamson. Will give the reasons why at the Oxford assizes he was not released, as were the others detained on the same business; they were kept 20 weeks in prison, to be tried for the firing of Banbury; but at the trial, Judge Twysden enquired if he had not been before Council, and given recognizance to depart the land; said he had not, on which the judge said the matter should be referred to Lord Arlington, and sent him back to gaol. The judge spoke of him to Lord Lovelace as a fortune-teller and mountebank, of whom the land should be rid. Hen. Stokes and others of Banbury try to get the other three released, and the writer only detained, on pretence of orders from high quarters; the gaoler also, to encrease his livelihood, complains of ill-conduct in his prisoners. The calendar orders his detention, without bail, as a dangerous person, to abide the course of law. Begs favour for his deliverance; would think it folly to try to stay in the country contrary to the King's wishes. The society of the debauched persons amongst whom he lives doubles the pain of his imprisonment. [*French, 2 pages.*]

April 23.
Newcastle.

24. Wm. Blackett, mayor of Newcastle, to the Navy Comrs. A squadron of 24 great men-of-war and four or five galliot hoys is off Sunderland, so that no ships can go out or in. Desires that letters for Mr. Bower may be directed to the writer, as they will the sooner come to hand. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 23.
Plymouth.

25. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of ships. Mr. Lanyon departed for London and refuses to give him the several bills of the sailmakers, &c., for the want of which he has refused to sign his accounts. Sir Thos. Allin ordered Lanyon not to pay nor deliver anything without the writer's certification; shall observe this order, inspect his actions, and give them an account of what is received from the frigates, for which he has given no credit. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 23.
Woolwich.

26. Sam. Walsall to the Navy Comrs. Shall be at a stand for want of plank. Wants orders about the galleries for the French Ruby, and a supply of reeds, having been forced to borrow of

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Mr. Stafford; asks whether to discharge 50 or 60 men. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 23.

27. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. If the Board judge the master of the *Hardereen* faulty, and turning out be not enough, they must complain to his Royal Highness, who will not refuse to lay him by the heels for an example to others. Asks them to send her to the *Guinea* with all speed, to be conveyed to *Leith*, as the *Dutch* will be abroad with the next fair wind. Sir Edw. Spragg wants the names of fire-ships intended for the *Medway*, and orders to their commanders to obey. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 23.

Chatham.

28. Edw. Gregory to Sam. Pepys. The Governors of the Chest thank him for procuring the writings relating to their lands at *Cheslett*, hoping thereby to prevent a troublesome suit at law. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 24.

Chatham.

29. Comr. Peter Pett to the Navy Comrs. Has seen the tickets of the *Anne* paid off, and the books of the *Kent* and two others discharged. It might have been more effectually performed if he had had either the sea muster books or the clerk of the cheque. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 24.

Custom House,
Mark Lane.

30. Sir John Wolstenholme and Sir John Shaw, Farmers of Customs, to the Navy Comrs. Ask a note from Sir George Carteret for payment of the moneys due for customs on nearly 36 tons of prize hemp delivered into the stores, or a warrant from the Lord Treasurer to give defalcation on their rent for the same. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 24.

31. Capt. Thos. Howard to the Master and Wardens of the Surgeons' Company. Asks them to appoint Arthur Noy as surgeon to the *Drake*, and to give him a warrant, Gregory Dorsett appointed to him not appearing. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 24.

Crutched Friars.

32. Wm. Hall to Williamson. Hopes the ships of oranges will be entered by Saturday; will then furnish him with the best that can be gotten.

April 24.

33. "Advices," being notes from letters as follow:—

Harwich, April 23: The coal fleet of 400 sail has passed with their convoys, and met the *Tiger* with the light fleet in *Yarmouth Roads*.

Lyne, April 22: *Jersey* and *Guernsey* are in good condition; *Jersey* has received recruits, and the Governor's privateer has taken several prizes.

Lynn, April 22: A sloop and a galliot have taken three laden colliers, and chased another.

Portsmouth, April 23: The *Bonadventure* with some merchants sailed for *Barbadoes*, but the wind not serving, they are in *St. Helen's Road*.

Bristol, April 22: The Marquis of Worcester is buried at Ragland; arrival of vessels from Portugal and Biscay.

Aldborough, April 22: Passage of colliers and frigates northwards.

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Edinburgh, April 18: Three Dutch men-of-war plying before Dunbar have taken and chased several vessels.

Yarmouth, April: Passage of light colliers to Newcastle; an Ostender has been lost by storm at Winterton, but the men saved. A galliot has brought in two prizes, and is pursuing more; 20 merchantmen in the road have a grant of two convoys; three vessels have been taken from the coal fleet.

Dover, April 23: There was thought to be an engagement of some ships with the French, but it is only a salute of French and Dutch. Capt. Holmes has taken a Dutch flyboat, laden with wine and brandy.

April 24.
Whitehall.

36. Order in Council that Lord Arlington write to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, that the King wishes the proclamation concerning liberty of trade granted to the subjects of that kingdom to exempt the limits of the charters of the Royal, East India, Turkey, and Canary Companies and the foreign Plantations.

April 24.
Falmouth.

34. Thos. Holden to Williamson. A fleet, supposed to be the Straits' fleet, passed on the 18th; colliers have come in from Wales, bound up the Channel; men-of-war are daily seen at Penzance, and vessels are taken by them.

April 24.
Falmouth.

35. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. Has no news.

April 24.
Chester Castle.

37. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. Has delivered to the mayor the King's welcome confirmation of a new recorder. Urges that either the Earl of Derby may deliver the money out of the chest, or the writer be allowed to take it out without him, in presence of some persons of quality who may take an account thereof, for the repairs are now at a stand; is much out of purse himself, and the workmen, who are to undertake no other work till this is finished, are so behind hand in their wages that they are almost lost. A business of public concern, in which Council has given so many orders, should not be retarded by one who has the least concern in the charge; the money is the King's, and on the same account as that delivered to Sir Stephen Fox out of Lancashire. Thinks his lordship's delays must proceed from some displeasure against himself.

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38. Thos. Elyot to Williamson. Mrs. Wells wishes her grant of the forfeiture of a felon to pass in the writer's name rather than hers.

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Privy seal for 800*l.* to the 16 serjeants-at-arms, for attendance on five sessions of Parliament. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 438.]

April 24.

Pass for eight horses into France, for M. De Colbert. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 438.]

April 24.

39. Warrant revoking the licence granted to George Jolly to erect a company of players for representation of tragedies, comedies, &c., it

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being thought fit to confine the licences to Thos. Killigrew and Sir Wm. Davenant to erect such companies in London and Westminster.

April 24. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 438.*]

April 24. Warrant to the Commissioners of Ordnance, in addition to the former alterations ordered in the Tower, to demolish and rebuild the old buildings called Coldharbour, except the pile in which is the Jewel-house staircase; to make a bridge over the moat, and with the materials of the old buildings, to build new storehouses; also to remove the smith's forge to the void place near the iron gate; to set apart the lower gardens for the smith and carpenter's yard, and to employ the smith's house, Irish mint, &c. for dwellings for the garrison, warders, &c. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 440-1.*]

[April 24.] 40. Draft of the above. [*2 pages.*]

April 24? 41. [The Commissioners for alterations about the Tower] to the Officers of Ordnance. Direct the opening a passage through the wall and a bridge into Coldharbour, according to the model of Sir Bertrand De Gomme, chief engineer, for bringing in gunpowder; any part of the Jewel-house standing in the way to be demolished, also all neighbouring chimneys, for fear of accident. Order that they have as many workmen as they require for the resolution. [*2 pages.*]

April 24. Grant to Sir Willm. Godolphin of the office of Commander and Governor of the Island of Scilly. [*Docquet.*]

April 24. Warrant to pay to Col. Willm. Legg 20,000*l.* out of the poll or 11 months' tax, for strengthening the present and erecting new fortifications. [*Docquet.*]

April 24. Reference to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Ashley, on the petition of Sir Ant. Desmarces and Thos. Bromhall for a lease of certain houses and lands in Middlesex. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 249.*]

April 25. Reference to the Lord Treasurer on the petition of Col. Thos. Howard, for the stones and materials of Newark Castle, and a lease of the site of the same. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 249.*]

April 25. 42. Joh. Man to Williamson. Has no news in those parts.

Swansea.
April 25. 43. Geo. Williamson to Williamson. Has desired the bearer to appear in his concern before Lord Ashley, as he can give a full account of it, and take his lordship's advice. As his brother Cursons is not thought fit for the postmaster's place [of Carlisle?] recommends John Brood, as very fit and well-beloved by the gentlemen; he will give Williamson 20*l.* to get him the place. Endorsed "My brother, by Mr. Christian." *Annexing,*

43. 1. *Certificate by Henry Gils, curate, John Bowman and Hum. Tompson, churchwardens, and two others, that John Bell of Templegarth, Furlam parish, was returned for four hearths, whereas two are but shielding places. With note that Bell is the ablest man in Gillesland, and uses these two hearths.*

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April 25. 44. Hugh Acland to Williamson. His letters come according to
Truro. the time they are sent, but as the post only comes twice a week to
Truro,—the Sunday's post not coming further than Plymouth,—
receives two letters together on the Tuesday. The country is in
great expectation of a peace, and some report that it is agreed on.
- April 25. 45. Capt. Rich. Teate to the Navy Comrs. The hemp is ashore,
The Friesland, and the spruce deals will be all out by Monday. Had there been
Forsmouth. lighters about the ships, all would have been unloaded. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 25. 46. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Is informed that the
Reserve is yet in Mr. Johnson's dock, and he is doubtful whether she
will come out this spring tide; asks them to quicken the builder.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 25. 47. Comr. Peter Pett to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Moorcock has
Chatham. promised another supply of timber if the treasurer will clear two
imprests for 400*l.* and 463*l.* in money; he also asks payment of his
imprest of 500*l.* granted in August last. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 25. 48. Capt. Thos. Harwood to Sir Wm. Coventry. Comr. Pett has
The Drake, no orders to pay his ship. Is ready to sail; has only five weeks'
Hope. victuals on board. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 25. 49. Rich. Elkin to Sam. Pepys. Has told the sheriff that the
Gravesend. Navy Comrs. want to know the reason for anspending execution of
the sentence ordered, but has received no reply. Sends account of
petty warrants issued. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 25. 50. Richard Elkin to the Navy Comrs. Has intimated their
Gravesend. commands to the sheriff, and desired him to give an account of his
suspending the execution of the sentence on the person convicted of
forgery. Sends the names of seven ships in the Hope. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 25. 51. P. Stowell, mayor of Rochester, to the Navy Comrs. Being
Rochester. in a public search through the city, met with a waggon belonging
to John Wilde, teamer of the dock at Chatham, laden with hides of
leather, within which were closely made up divers deal boards,
which were brought through a byeway to a house of the teamer not
inhabited, and unloaded at a back door. Suspects that the leather
and boards are King's goods. Wilde was brought to the employ-
ment by Comr. Pett, and is much favoured by him. If the vacant
house be forthwith searched, there may be something discovered not
well liking to the Commissioners. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 25. 52. Certificate by Rich. Reynell, that Charles Harper, surgeon
Barber of the ship the House of Sweden, received the last freight and
Surgeons' Hall. imprest money upon bills dated 23 March 1666, which came to the
master and governor's hands, and that no other surgeon received
any since from them. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 26. 53. Capt. Ben. Carteret to Sam. Pepys. Is underrated in his
The Pearl, allowance of men more than any ship in the Navy of his rate. Was
Humber. allowed 135, like his predecessor, Capt. Seymour, and is now reduced

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to 100, which is too few for the ship, and hardly enough to man the 32 guns, leaving no men either for small shot or to trim sails, but those quartered by the guns on the upper deck. She sails well, and comes up with almost every sail she sees at sea, but for want of men, cannot do what she should or would. Asks for some more. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 26.

Reference to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Ashley, on the petition of John Lord Berkeley and Hen. Brounker, for a grant of such lands as they shall discover in the manor of Grace, co. Middlesex. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 249.*]

April 26.
Newcastle.

54. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Notices of ships. The report of the Holland men-of-war being seen off at sea is much believed.

April 26.
Plymouth.

55. John Clarke to James Hickey. Sir John Harman in the Lion, with five or six men-of-war, two fire-ships, and two or three ketches, and the rest of the fleet bound to the West Indies, waits the first fair wind to sail.

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56. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

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57. "Advices," being notes from letters calendared above, also from the following:—

Newcastle, April 23: The light fleet of 130 sail has come in; 24 Dutch men-of-war and 4 galliots have been seen on the coasts.

Truro, April 22: The capers daily take small coasters; 40 French men-of-war are reported to be in Torbay.

Hull, April 24: The Hampshire has taken a Hoorn sloop; the Princess took two prizes on the coast of Holland, both sent to Leith, and the Pearl and Victory a privateer.

Aldborough, April 25: Passage of vessels; a small galliot hoy has taken eight ships out of the laden fleet.

West Cowes, April 24: The Nonsuch has brought in a Ham-burger, laden with salt, which lost her company of 28 sail; amongst them were two Holland flyboats which went the northern passage; they met two small French frigates in the mouth of the Channel.

Weymouth, April 24: The Mary Rose reports that the Straits' fleet left five weeks ago; 25 sail were seen off Portland, supposed to be French.

Castle Cornet, April 17: The French fleet only waits a wind to sail; the Duke of Bouillon has gone from Havre de Grace, with all the mariners he could get upon the coasts, to bring home some frigates built in Holland.

Falmouth, April 21: 14 or 16 large ships have been seen, supposed to be those that were at Scilly; the Hopewell of St. Ives has brought in eight colliers from Wales; several men-of-war have taken vessels of late.

Portsmouth, April 25: Notices of ships; Rear-Admiral Kempthorne's squadron is passing homewards, and several ships, supposed to be his, are making for Portsmouth. The captain of the fire-ship who was not executed was sentenced to go as private seaman on board another fire-ship.

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Hull, April 23 : Two considerable prizes have been taken, which should have come into Newcastle, but for contrary winds; the Hamburg fleet has sailed with two men-of-war.

Plymouth, April 23: Col. Buller writes from Scilly that four of the frigates carrying stores were fighting 12 French men-of-war, but it seems only a report. [2½ pages.]

April 26. Warrant to repay to Sir Stephen Fox 97,000*l.*, disbursed by him on directions from the Duke of Albemarle. [*Docquet.*]

April 26. Warrant to pay to Henry Moore 5,000*l.*, for the use of the Earl of Sandwich. [*Docquet.*]

April 26. Letter to the Duke of York to dispense with Capt. Reeves from entering into security with the Admiralty Court, for setting out the Panther against the States, the Dutch, and other enemies. Minute. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 239.*]

April 26. Commission for Jo. Colepeper to be ensign in Lord Colepeper's foot company. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 142 a.*]

April 26. Order for a warrant to advance to James Duke of Monmouth and Buccleuch 18,000*l.* on his pension of 6,000*l.* a year, for payment of his debts and settlement of his household. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 441-2.*]

[April 26.] 58. Warrant as ordered above. [2 pages.]

April 26. 59. Order to the Commissioners of Prizes to sell the Mermaid pink at a fair appraisement to Jacob Tartman, from whom it was taken.

April 26. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 443.*]

April? 60. Note of the White Fortune of Amsterdam, taken coming from Bourdeaux, January 13, by the Forester, under Capt. Rich. Country, not yet appraised nor condemned.

April 26. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes for the sale of the prize White Fortune to Lords Carlisle and Widdrington. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 446.*]

April 26. Pass, at request of merchants of London, for the ship Scout to go to the American plantations and return to London. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 6.*]

April 26. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes for the sale of the St. John Baptist of Amsterdam and St. John Baptist of Dantzic, to Charles Earl of Carlisle and William Lord Widdrington. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 6 b.*]

April 26. 61. Isabel or Eliz. Palet to Nauoto Muron, cloth merchant, near London. Entreats a third time the liberation of Bonaventure Palet, her husband, taken in the war between the English and French, and now in his power; thanks for care taken of him during sickness; if peace be published, and he have sons who would like to see France, her husband could attend them to Bourdeaux; if her husband have left the house, begs to know where he is and to have

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the letter sent to him; the reply to be sent to the Capuchin convent at Bourdeaux. [*Latin.*] *Annexing,*

61. *L. Isabel Palet to her husband, Bonaventure Palet de Tugr. Family news; all are weeping for his return; directions for his journey and addresses of Capuchin fathers to whom he may apply. [Portuguese.] Tugr, April 22, May 6, 1667.*

April 27.

62. Petition of Claes Robins, master of the ship *Figtree*, and Galtier Reymers, master of the *Susanna*, to the King, for leave to unlade the deals with which they laded their ships, when bringing over the English prisoners from Harlingen, Friesland. Knew them to be much wanted for rebuilding London, and therefore obtained leave from the States General to bring them, but the Customs' officers will not suffer them to unlade. With order thereon granting the petition.

April 27.
Portsmouth.

63. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. An express from Sir Wm. Coventry gives notice that part of the Dutch fleet was plying off Sunderland, and orders the *Delph* not to proceed to the Downs with the merchant ships under her charge; they have accordingly come from St. Ellen's Road to Spithead. Five frigates are riding, all fit for sea.

April 27.
Hull.

64. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The *Oxford's* prize and that taken by the *Hampshire* have come in. Thirteen Holland men-of-war, among which are three flag ships, have been seen off *Whitby*, which causes fear for 60 light colliers riding in *Burlington Bay*, and has stayed the *Hamburg* fleet from going to sea. Great shooting has been heard at sea. Seven frigates and three ketches are in the *Humber*, and Sir J. Smith has ordered the captains to their ships. Capt. Carteret has taken a sloop and a galliot boy. [*1½ pages.*]

April 27.
Hull.

65. Col. Anth. Gilby to Williamson. There have been 20 Dutch men-of-war off *Whitby* four days; till they remove, no coals must be expected in London. The galliot boy, taken by the *Pearl* and *Victory*, is brought into the *Humber*; the captain has only an old commission made out for another man, and he and his crew of 20 deserve to be hanged as pirates. He confesses that with that vessel, he has taken and sent into Holland 16 prizes, beside several forced on shore, most of which he burnt. [*1½ pages.*]

April 27.
Bristol.

66. Jo. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. Two *Madeira* vessels have come in, having met with a man-of-war that convoyed 2,200 barrels of powder and some saltpetre from the King of Morocco, and called at the *Madeiras*; they saw several privateers which durst not touch them. A ship from *Virginia*, long detained in *Ireland*, has come in. Before her coming away, the *Virginia* fleet had arrived, and goods were so plentiful that they will be dispatched in a few days.

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67. Ferdinando Huddleston to Williamson. Wishes to become the King's servant, so as to preserve his person for a hearing of his cause, in reference to a debt for which he is bound with his father, of which 1,000*l.* has been paid, and yet the party demands almost as much as the debt. Begs to be heard before the Lord Chamberlain.

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April 27. 68. Chr. Maynard to Williamson. Thanks for his great favour.
Totness. Wishes the word vessel to be made vessels, because it would be too dangerous to take in dowlas at Morlaix, and then go to a distant port for canvas; also wishes his partners to be included. Has sent Sir J. Clifford two bills for 100*l*. each, payable to Williamson. As peace is said to be concluded, what is done must be done quickly, as if peace be proclaimed, others will have the same privilege. On receiving an answer, will send expresses to Guernsey with his letters.
- April 27. 69. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Col. Farr with his company is
Harwich. marching out of Landguard Fort for Yarmouth, and Col. Cartwright is made governor of the fort.
- April 27. 70. Sir W. Coventry to Williamson. Wants the King's order to
the Duke of York to appoint the Anne to carry over the Swedish Ambassadors to Holland or Zealand, as they choose; noticing that there is no pass from the Dutch nor French for her, but that the King does it for the Swedish Ambassadors' satisfaction.
- April 27. Warrant to [John] Bradloy to apprehend — Mason and others
suspected of corresponding with him, with all arms, papers, writings, &c., belonging to him. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 443.*]
- April 27. Pass for — White into Holland. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 443.*]
- April 27. Warrant for a grant of pardon to William Jevors for killing
Whitchall. Thos. Woodall. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 7.*]
- April 27. Proclamation forbidding the import or sale of foreign alum, the
Whitchall. manufacture thereof in England set up by King James producing a sufficient quantity to supply the kingdom. • [*Printed. Proc. Coll., p. 243.*]
- April 27. 71. Wm. Sheldon to the Navy Comrs. Asks whether he is to
Woolwich. deliver tickets to the shipwrights to be discharged, for the whole or part of the time. Gives the amount due for five quarters up to Midsummer 1667; total 756*l*. 1*s*. 4*d*. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 27. 72. Wm. Sheldon, clerk of the cheque, to Sam. Pepys. Never
Woolwich. missed sending the petty warrant account weekly, and it was no fault of his if it came not to hand. The pursers are in fault for those ships left out. Mr. Upton has brought the hemp. Will wait upon him on Monday. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 27. 73. Certificate by Thos. Lewis that Robt. Gale, late purser of
Vicualling the Success frigate, has cleared his account for victualling between
Office. Jan 7, 1665, and Aug. 20, 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 27. 74. Comr. Peter Pett to the Navy Comrs. Neither the master
Chatham. of attendance, nor master shipwright had reed, broom, or faggots to bring the Monmouth under water, but having got a few from Mr. Chambers, she will soon be dispatched. Intends to launch the Royal Katharine and to bring in the Old James. If money be not provided to pay off bills, it will be impossible to answer the expectations of His Majesty and his Royal Highness, there being so

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little provision in store. The chain ships are fixed at Gillingham, and the claws for fastening and heaving up the chain, which Mr. Ruffhead has promised in a few days; it had been sooner done could he have received money. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 27. 75. Accounts stated between the King and Thos. White, of Dover; bills signed for 944*l* 1*s*. 8*d*.; money paid on imprest 900*l*.; with the Navy Comrs.' order to Mr. Fenn to pay the balance. [*Adm. Paper; copy.*]
- April 27. 76. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. Arrival of Capt. Leith. Earle, being chased by 20 sail of Holland men-of-war. Capt. White and Mr. Strachan were put into Tynemouth; has recovered his health. Their capers have taken 13 prizes off Spain and France. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 27. 77. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. The Fanfan has taken Ipswich. in a month's provisions, having to wait upon the Yarmouth fishermen. No ship is under victualling. There was sent a fortnight's provision for 100 men to Col. Farr at Languard Fort, by Squire Gauden's order. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 27. 78. Sir John Knight to the Navy Comrs. The Dartmouth and Bristol. St. David are in port, and likely to lie there unfitted unless money come to pay the great charges. Mr. Furzer cannot undertake it without money, nor yet repair the Dartmouth. Believes 500*l*. will not repair her. Is returning to Plymouth, but will correspond with them and his son during his absence, and will be careful in His Majesty's concerns.—With postscript by John Knight, jun. Has agreed with Mr. Humphreys to carry the rosin to Portsmouth for 25*s*. per ton; has promised Mr. Furzer 10 cwt. for finishing the St. David and Dartmouth, as there is none in the city. Asked for one ton himself, but since the King's occasions are such, desires half a ton. Sends the carpenter and boatswain's demands for stores for the Dartmouth, to be certified and returned to Capt. Rooth. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]
- April 27. 79. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the Bristol. voyage with the St. David from Bristol to Kingroad, where they took in the pressed men from the Dartmouth. Sir John Knight says he has no orders for cawening, and will not disburse any money for it. Has ordered men to work upon the Dartmouth. Account of the condition and wants of both ships; begs orders that there may be no hindrance. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]
- April 27. 80. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of three ships Portsmouth. named. No flesh has been slaughtered this week. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 27. 81. Lorige Du Mesnil to Clemant Bidou, at M. Parant's, London. May 7. Pence is spoken of; hopes it may take place. Does not wish him Nantes. to take so much trouble about the pictures. Private affairs. [*French, 2 pages.*]
- April 28. 82. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. The paper of news Chester. did not come last post; has told him before the effect of Lord

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Arlington's letter on the Earl of Derby. Must have directions to receive the money, either by order for the keys to be delivered to some one to give him the money, or by order to break open the chest before a witness and take it; else will be out of purse, and the work likely to stand.

- April 28. 83. Lord Belasyse to Williamson. Bega delivery of the enclosed, Hall. and asks who is to be his successor at Tangiers; hopes the good success of the treaty will bring him back to Court.
- April 28. Pass for the Submission ketch, laden with corn, to go to Lisbon and to return. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 443.*]
- April 28. Pass for two horses into France for M. De Gramont. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 443.*]
- April 29. 84. "Advices," being notes from letters calendared above, and from the following:—
Whitby, April 26: 18 Dutch, whereof 3 flag ships with 2 galliots and 2 doggers, were within four leagues of the shore, but a storm forced them to sea.
York, April 27: Lord Burlington, attended by Lord Clifford and several persons of quality, entered the city, met by the deputy lieuts. and Lord Frescheville's company of Guards.
- April 29. 85. Sir John Skelton to Sir Wm. Coventry. Two years ago Plymouth Fort. the Ascension of Genoa, laden with wine and fruit and bound for London, was brought into Plymouth as prize, but after long delay, restored; the captain spent 400*l.* and lost his freight, whereon George Laphorne, a Plymouth merchant, supplied him with money; the vessel has since made a voyage to Rochelle, and laden salt for Hamburg, but is driven by winds into Plymouth. Laphorne, being still unpaid, wants an order to land the salt to secure his debt. Finds there is some hindrance to this being moved in Council, and begs assistance therein. [*Copy.*]
- April 29. 86. Edw. Bodham to [Williamson]. The Cygnet has brought in Lyn. vessels from London and gone to her station; the coast has been clear of pickeroons for seven or eight days. Hears that the plague has broken out again at Peterborough.
- April 29. 87. Edm. Custis to Williamson. Bega favour for his nephew John Bruges. Custis, who has served several years in the post office at Hull, and been a trusty subject in days of danger, and wants that office.
- April 29. 88. Ralph Lascelles to [Williamson]. Will give, as desired, an Deal. account of the young man's behaviour; the purser says he acted justly, and did as he was commanded. Will take him as clerk, if his friends will provide him a suit of clothes.
- April 29. 89. J. Allen to Williamson. The person named has grown sober and much reformed, hearing that in the North parts many are ready to appear for what he did.
- April 29. Grant to Rich. Hastings, of Redlinch, co. Somerset, of the dignity of a Baronet, with the usual discharge. [*Docquet.*]

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April 29. Warrant to pay to Willm. Barker, surveyor of the stables, 1,009*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, for repair of the stables at Hampton Court. [*Docquet.*]

April 29. Warrant to the Officers of Works to pay to John Webb, assistant surveyor for Greenwich Palace, his entire salary of 200*l.* a year, not deducting from the arrears, as they propose, 104*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, entered formerly on his servant's name; also to pay him the said arrears, and a monthly allowance for his servant. [*Ent. Book* 26, p. 6.]

April 29. 90. Certificate by William Maydon, April 2, 1667, made at the request of the owners named, that the ship *Mary* was taken by Capt. Thos. Elliott, commander of the *Revenge*, laden with deals, &c., carried into the port of Aldborough, and there unladen and fitted out, by order of Prince Rupert and the Duke of Albemarle, for a fire-ship; that he was made commander of her, and attended in her under Sir Edward Spragg, Vice-admiral of the Blue, and coming with the fleet to anchor off the North Foreland, 24 Sept. 1666, the ring of the anchor broke, and she was driven with the storm, lost sails and masts, sprang a leak, and was lost on the coast of Holland, and himself and company taken prisoners. With endorsement signed by Sir W. Batten and two others, 29 April 1667, that the ship within mentioned, with all expressed in the inventory, is appraised at 809*l.* 8*s.* [*Adm. Paper*, 2 pages.] *Annexing,*

90. I. *Inventory of the contents of the ship Mary of Frederickstadt, with an account also of money due for victuals, wages of the master and ship's company, and the amount of compensation for loss of clothes and charges in prison.* [2½ pages.]

90. II. *Affidavits by Edmund Lee and five others, taken before John Coell, Master in Chancery, relative to their receipt of the goods unladen from the Mary, and certifying the truth of the above inventory.* [1½ pages.]
11, 12, and 13 April 1667.

90. III. *Like affidavit by Edmund Lee and two others, that they have not diminished nor disposed of any part of the furniture or lading of the said ship.* May 7, 1667.

April 29. 91. Edw. Gregory, clerk of the cheque, to the Navy Comrs. Chatham. Asks leave to go to London on the business of the chest and his private affairs. Has put his business in such a posture that the service will receive no prejudice.

April 29. 92. Edw. Gregory to Sam. Pepya. Is glad the copies of his Chatham. warrants prove satisfactory, and will send them punctually; hopes soon to wait on him in London. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 29. 93. Thos. Clements to the Navy Comrs. Asks their pleasure Woolwich. as to the *Happy Return*, which is ready to sail. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 30. 94. Officers of the Dockyard to the Navy Comrs. Have sur- Woolwich. veyed Capt. Cox's plank, and send particulars. Richard Abbott, of

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St. Mary Cray, is willing to sell a parcel of timber which, by Mr. Stafford's report, is very good, and will be useful for the ship in building. Candles are wanting. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclose,*

94. 1. *Tender by Rich. Abbott of 200 loads of elm and oak timber, at 3l. per load.*

April 30. 95. Wm. Clarke, of St. Peter's, Thanet, to the Navy Comrs.
Deal. Asks employment as a ship master. As mate of the Drake, was allowed by Capt. Thos. Harwood to go on shore at Broadstairs, with order to rejoin him at Deal, but on arriving there, the ship was gone westward; being lame with one leg, could proceed no further. Was 33 months in the ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 30. 96. Sir Jer. Smith to the Navy Comrs. Hopes Mr. Blaydes
Hall. will have due encouragement to continue cleaning and dispatching ships, as they would be at great loss if he should give it over. Account of sails, cables, &c., required for ships named. Wants beer and provisions, which Squire Gauden has promised to send from Ipswich or Lynn; on notice given, will order some frigates to convoy them. The report of the enemy's being upon the coast is confirmed, 27 sail being seen between Sunderland and Whithy. The seamen begin to murmur for want of pay, and the Little Victory's men refuse to weigh anchor till they have their money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 30. 97. Sir Jer. Smith to Pepys. Is sorry money is not more
Hall. plentiful with him, it causes great scarcity of all things; provisions are most wanted, especially beer; begs that Squire Gauden may be reminded of his promise to supply them. Is sorry the Hardereen is not come. Stores wanted for the ship, &c.

April 30. 98. Rich. Elkin to Sam. Pepys. Sends the answer received
Gravesend. from the High Sheriff, as to the non-execution of the sentence on the man convicted of forgery; he refers to his under-sheriff, Thos. Dauling, now in his chambers, Clifford's Inn. Particulars of the arrival and departure of ships named. Tho Kent and Amity with the ambassadors aboard are not gone yet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

April 30. 99. Rich. Elkin to the Navy Comrs. Has sent to Mr. Dauling
Gravesend. to give them a particular account why the execution of the sentence was suspended. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

99. 1. *Sir Wm. Leach, high sheriff of Kent, to Rich. Elkin. Can give no better account of the thing, and cannot imagine why Thos. Dauling, who officiates for his under-sheriff, should presume to defer or suspend the execution of the sentence, were there not reason for it, which he will give if spoken or written to. He is now at his chambers in Clifford's Inn, near St. Dunstan's Church, London. Squerries, April 28, 1667.*

April 30. 100. Capt. Wm. Davis to the Navy Comrs. Is waiting for
The Guinea, further orders and for the Hardereen, which is to convoy them if
Lea Road. they are to proceed on their voyage. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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April 30. 101. Account by J. Uthwat of stores put on board the *Franakin*, to be sent to Bristol for the *St. David*. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing*,
101. 1. *List of stores to be sent by waggon, signed W.B. [Sir Wm. Batten.]*
- April 30. 102. John Cox, Jonas Shish, and J. Uthwat to the Navy Comrs. *Depeford*. Report of their survey of anchors supplied by Mr. Downing. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 30. 103. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. Asks him to send notice to the ports of the increase of the complements of the fifth and sixth rate frigates, as some of the commanders write to him for an increase. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 30. 104. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. *Leith*. Sixteen Holland men-of-war came to the road yesternight at 6 p.m., and two hours after Capt. White arrived, having sent George Strachan and the other victualler safe into harbour. The Hollanders never discovered any colours until 8 p.m., when our three men-of-war went up the Forth near Dungarve. The town of Leith was in a pretty labyrinth, but by good chance, Gen. Dalziel's regiment came to Leith, and Capt. Hamilton's prize was hauled to the mouth of the harbour of Leith at 2 a.m. Meantime the Hollanders sent in two small vessels, sounding about the bar and beacon. Shot some guns at them, but the wind proving southerly, they went off to the road. About 8 a.m. the rest, about 12 sail, were discovered turning up the Forth, but did not come above the Island of Inchkeith; the other 16 ships went over against the town of Burntisland and played their cannon against the forts, the castle of the town bravely answering them with the petty force they had. This continued from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thinks they shot above 700 pieces of ordnance, but the damage is not certain; some say it is only the loss of chimneys and holes shot into honest men's houses, but no man killed. These men-of-war, seeing they could not prevail, set sail to their consorts, like so many dogs that want the tail, and are driving with the tide and wind down the Forth, with their foresail on the mast; the Edinburgh merchants are sent home to their houses again. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- April 30. 105. Rob. Mein to Williamson. *Edinburgh*. Thirty-two Dutch men-of-war appeared yesterday, three of the King's vessels lay within two miles of them all night, the captains being pitifully drunk, and went up next morning to Inverkeithing. The Dutch sounded the coast, but Gen. Dalziel cut the beacon at the extreme of Leith harbour, so that they were confused, and battered Burntisland with 1,000 shot; the town returned it from 20 pieces of cannon, and in less than two hours, 10,000 were in arms at Burntisland, and as many at Leith, whither more than 6,000 citizens of Edinburgh are gone; the citadel is planted with 30 pieces of cannon, which fired to invite the enemy; the country came up in multitudes. The magistrates of Leith sunk a ship in the mouth of the harbour, and planted 20 cannon on high, whereby a fire-ship that tried to slip in was pro-

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vented. They are now gone, it is supposed for Shetland. Sir Jeremy Smith, who is said to be coming with the King's squadron, is earnestly desired.

April 30.
Edinburgh.

106. News that the Dutch ships firing all night on Burntisland caused uproar in Edinburgh, drums beating, bells ringing, soldiers marching to Leith, and planting cannons, &c.; the people of Leith removed into the city, and a ship is placed across the harbour, to be sunk if they attempt an entrance, which it is thought they will do. The islanders behave resolutely; the cannonading was renewed to-day till 4 p.m.

April 30.
Kirkcaldy.

107. Lord Comr. Rothes to the Earl of Lauderdale. A fleet of 40 sail being seen in the mouth of the Frith, ordered the companies to draw towards the coasts, the horse and foot being equally divided between the north and south side of the Frith. They were Dutch vessels, and fired 500 shot at Burntisland, without doing any damage, and then tacked. Thinks they will not attempt to land, but will watch the coasts. Sends an express lest false alarms should be spread, and that Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron may know how to regulate its movements. [*Copy.*]

April 30.

108. E. Wall and four other [Inhabitants of Preston] to Williamson. Understand that he has resolved to cease proceeding, on a certificate from certain gentlemen of the town, desiring to be free to vote for Mr. Otway; know of no animosity except as stirred up by Williamson's opponents, who had enlisted many inhabitants for Mr. Otway before Williamson was proposed; all who were not engaged readily promised for him, and many withdrew their engagements as having been surprized into them. His party was not so inconsiderable as some would make it appear. Would not have opened a mouth nor stirred a foot on his behalf, unless satisfied of his abilities and fitness from personal knowledge, and the letters of others on his behalf. Beg to be looked on as his friends and well-wishers.

April 30.
Oxford.

109. Albertus Otto Faber to the King. Since His Majesty sent for him to England, presented his discourses "De Magnetismo vasorum maris" to him; being prevented by winter from returning to his country, fell in with the people called Quakers, and mingled with them to penetrate into their profession, when three years ago, he was taken prisoner at one of their meetings. Has always been supposed a Quaker since, although the court of the Bishop of London has certified his attendance at the French church. Assures His Majesty of the continuance of his devotion. Has never entertained a thought to his prejudice nor that of his government. Entreats the protection promised to him as a stranger at his first interview, and restoration to liberty. [*French, 2 pages.*]

April 30.

Commissions for Jas. Bickford to be ensign, and John Crudge lieutenant, to Sir Fras. Godolphin. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 143a.*]

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Commissions for Robt. Thompson to be lieutenant, and Edw. Harris ensign, to Capt. Dorrell. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 143a.*]

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- April 30. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs to permit the unlading of deals and pantiles on board the *Figtree* and *Susanna*, two vessels of Friezland, employed to bring over prisoners taken in the Dutch war. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 445.*]
- April 30. Pass for the *St. Jacob* to Portugal. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 446.*]
- [April 30.] 110. Warrant for a grant to Sir Edm. Wyndham, of the office of Knight-marshal of the household, void by decease of Sir Wm. Thockmorton.
- April 30. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 446.*]
- April 30. Privy seal for 673*l.* 10*s.* to Edward Backwell, for a jewel bought by him, and presented to the Emperor of Germany's envoy. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 446.*]
- April 30. 111. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs to enter the Golden Peacock, taken from the Hollanders, but which is to be employed in the English trade, as a free ship, the Act for preventing fraud in customs, &c., notwithstanding.
- April 30. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 447.*]
- April 30. Congé d'élire to the Bishop of Lincoln to be Bishop of Ely. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 448.*]
- April 30. The King to the Masters and Fellows of Christ's College, Cambridge. Grants their request for leave to elect, from the persons recommended by him for fellowships, such one as they find most fit and qualified, according to their statutes. [*Ent. Book 27, p. 1216.*]
- April 30. Warrant to pay to the Serjeants-at-arms 800*l.*, for their attendance for the last five sessions of Parliament. [*Docquet.*]
- April? 112. Petition of William Griffith to the King, for speedy payment by Lord Ashley, treasurer of the prizes, of 100*l.*, granted him for service to Hen. Coventry and Sir Thos. Clifford, late envoys to Sweden; the usual form of payment by privy seal is too tardy, as he is to attend Mr. Coventry to Breda and elsewhere.
- April? 113. Petition of Anne, relict of Thomas Kidderminster, to the King. Her late husband, in April 1654, journeying from the Isle of Ely to London with 800*l.* and writings, was murdered at the White Horse, Chelmsford, by Sowell, the innkeeper, and his wife, both since dead, and Moses Drayn, their ostler; after nine years, the body was discovered, and advertisements put out, whereby she discovered the fact, and indicted the ostler, who was tried and executed; prays for his effects, being 60*l.*, and some clothing of her husband's, given to him; also for the effects of the innkeeper and his wife, or any others whom she may discover to have been concerned in the murder.
- April? 114. Petition of Thomas Levet and John Levet, doctor of law, to the King, for a reference to bishops and judges of law of a business devised by them, which will be of great value to His Majesty; also

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that before the discovery, the petitioners may have a confirmation of it for 31 years, with a fifth of the profits. With reference thereon to the two archbishops, several bishops, judges, &c. *Annazing*,

114. 1. *Form of a royal promise for the petitioners to have a grant of the said business, with a fifth of the profits.*

[April.]

115. Petition of Rice Vaughan to Lord Arlington and other Commissioners for examination of Prisoners, for freedom to walk with his friends and children without the keeper, as most other prisoners have, and for release; has been close prisoner 23 months, without pen and ink; is ill, and reduced to live on charity; has taken the Oath of Allegiance, and is conformable to the Church.

April.
Whitehall.

116. Blank warrant for an ensign in a company in the Duke of Albemarle's regiment.

April.
Whitehall.

117. Licence to Sir John Reresby, high sheriff of Yorkshire, to be absent from the county, and repair to and remain in London, on affairs of his own which require his personal attendance. [*Copy.*]

April.
Whitehall.

118. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes, to deliver to the Duke of Richmond five bales of Holland camlets and cloth, taken in the privateer set out by him, and condemned to the King's use, he paying incident charges. [*Copy.*]

April.]

119. The King to the Duke of York. He is to order the captain of the ship Anne to carry over the ambassadors extraordinary of Sweden to the treaty of Breda, undertaking that they shall not be molested by the Hollanders, though they have no immediate passport from the States General. [*Draft.*]

April.

Memoranda [from the Signet books] of warrants passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow:—

Note that Sir John Hebdon, envoy to Russia, had 300*l.* for his equipage; Lord Holles and Hen. Coventry, ambassadors to Breda, 6,000*l.* equipage, and 200*l.* a week entertainment, besides intelligence bills, &c.; their secretary, Nic. Morice, 40*s.* a day and 100*l.* for equipage.

Grant to Wm. Barker of the surveyorship of Hampton Court stables.

Note that every session of Parliament, the serjeants-at-arms have each 10*l.* allowed, at request of the House of Peers, for their attendance upon that house. [*Dom. Corresp.*, Jan. 1667, Vol. CLXXXIX., No. 129.]

April.
Greenwich.

120. Report by Sir John Denham and two other Officers of the Works to the King, that the charge of building Greenwich Palace, from Feb. 1664 to Feb. 1667, was 26,433*l.* 7*s.* 11½*d.*, whereof 17,696*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* has been paid; and request that 10,000*l.* may be assigned for the work this year, since out of the 10,000*l.* granted last year at 1,000*l.* a month, only 4,600*l.* has been received.

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April. 121. Reference to the Lord Chancellor, Duke of Albemarle, three
Whitehall. other Peers, and the two Secretaries of State, of the petition of the
Marquis of Worcester, to report on the most expeditious way for the
King to answer the petitioner's desires.
- April? 122. John Eddowes to [Williamson]. Lord Cholmondeley's
commission for a regiment of horse is stopped. Begg he may at
least have one for a troop.
- April. 123. Account by Capt. Perriman of work doing on and the
movements of 13 ships named, lying in the Thames. The ship-
wright's assistant at Woolwich wants plank. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- [April.] Note of the King's approbation of Viscount Beaumont and 15
other peers, baronets, knights, and gentlemen to be deputy lieutenants
of Leicestershire. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 141a.*]
- April. Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson of King's and mer-
chants' ships in the Downs, state of the winds, time of receipt and
dispatch of the mails, &c.:

No.	Date.	King's.	Merchants'.	Wind.	Mails.		Remarks.
					Arrival.	Dispatch.	
	April 1	1	1	N.E.	March. 31st, 5 P.M.	5 P.M.	
124.					April.		
125.	3	1	8	E.	3rd, 6 P.M.	5 P.M.	
126.	[4]	1	0	E.	3rd, 4 P.M.	5 P.M.	
127.	5	1	0	E.	4th, 5 P.M.	5 P.M.	
128.	6	1	0	S.E.	5th, 5 P.M.	5 P.M.	
129.	7	1	0	S.E.	6th, 6 P.M.	5 P.M.	
130.	8	1	0	N.E.	7th, 8 P.M.	5 P.M.	The Flying Greyhound privateer has brought in a Flemish galliot. A great Spanish ship from Bilbao has come in.
131.	9	1	0	S.E.	None.	5 P.M.	
132.	11	1	0	N.E.	10th, 6 P.M.	5 P.M.	Three King's ships and three fly- boats with stores have passed through the Downs.
133.	12	1	0	N.E.	11th, 4 P.M.	5 P.M.	
134.	13	1	0	N.E.	12th, 6 P.M.	5 P.M.	
135.	14	1	0	N.E.	13th, 4 P.M.	5 P.M.	
136.	16	1	0	N.E.	None.	5 P.M.	
137.	19	1	2	S.W.	18th, 6 P.M.	5 P.M.	One fire-ship and six merchant ships have passed through.
138.	20	1	2	S.	19th, 6 P.M.	5 P.M.	A Spanish ship bound for Ostend with 400 or 500 soldiers, reports an expected war with France, and feared to be taken prize had she met any French man- of-war.
139.	22	1	5	W.	21st, 5 P.M.	5 P.M.	Passage of five ships through the Downs.
140.	23	1	0	S.E.	27th, 4 P.M.	5 P.M.	
141.	29	1	0	S.E.	28th, 7 P.M.	5 P.M.	Many guns were heard yesterday, and 10 or 12 sail of ships are seen to the south.

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May 1. 1. John Pocock to James Hickey. Two French vessels have
Weymouth. arrived, with the Duke of York's pass, for fetching away the French
prisoners from Apsom.

May 1. 2. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickey. Thos. Wiss, a grocer, has
Norwich. been elected mayor for the next year.

May 1. 3. Petition of John Evelyn and Gabriel Sylvius to the King, for
Whitchall. the sole licence for 14 years of their invention of a new sort of
kilns and furnaces for burning bricks, tiles, and plaster of Tarris
[Paris?]. With reference thereon to the Attorney General.

May 1. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, p. 250.]

May 1. 4. "Advices," being notes from one letter calendared above, and
from the following:

Plymouth, April 28: Sir John Harman and his fleet have sailed.
Yarmouth, April 29: A great sail, supposed Dutch, has been seen
on the back of the sands; some colliers have passed northward;
18 sail are riding there with one convoy.

Newcastle, April 27: Five men-of-war are gone for Scotland; a
Swede from Amsterdam says only 25 of their men-of-war are out.

Bridlington, April 27: Three or four Dutch men-of-war have been
in sight all the week; 60 sail have left, without convoy; two great
Dutch ships have been in sight of Filey.

Harwich, April 30: The Truelove, rebuilt, is gone to Ousley
Bay:

Portsmouth, April 30: Sir Rob. Holmes is there, also the fleet
under the Delph, which is not to stir until further orders.

Aldborough, April 29: Notices of ships; Capt. Elliot of the
Revenge is said to have lost the dogger that attended him to
Cadiz.

Dublin, April 23: Their privateers are cruising on the coast of
France; several Barbadoes ships wait for a wind.

May 1. 5. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Capt. Manning's privateer, the
Falmouth. Swallow, has gone forth well victualled and remanned. A fleet of
20 large ships, supposed to come from Plymouth, has passed west-
ward, and seven great ships eastward; two Pendennis privateers
are fitting for sea.

May 1. 6. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. A fleet of 60 Ostenders bound for
Dover. London sailed this morning; fears some of them are foundered
through stress of weather. Capt. Wadlow, who came with the fleet,
in a ship laden with Canary wine, is missing. Sir Bernard Gas-
coigne and others who were in the storm have arrived. The French
packet speaks of nothing but peace, and the civility of the French
to the English. Asks when it will be concluded. The Royal
Duchess privateer has brought in a small prize.

May 1. 7. Sir Anth. Gilby to Williamson. A Dutch prize laden with
Hull. beef has been sent into Sunderland; it was taken off the coast of
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Scotland by the *Eagle* and *Orange* frigates; two Dutch men-of-war pursued and tried to retake her, but being a small vessel, she ran ashore, defended herself, and got off next tide.

May 1.
Hull.

8. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Lord Belasyse has been to Hull and thence to Bridlington; there are now 10 men-of-war in the Humber; nine have sailed, but are ordered in again on Thursday; there is a report of 23 Holland men-of-war off the coast.

May 1.

Reprieve for Joan Ward, condemned at the sessions at Oxford. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 446.*]

May 1.
Whitehall.

9. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs to permit the unlading of St. John the Baptist of Dieppe at London, on petition of Niel. Warren, Phil. Jegon, and Hum. Graves, merchants of London, stating that she was laden with French wines and spirits before the proclamation prohibiting the import of French goods.

May 1.

Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 25, pp. 7 b, 8.*]

May 1.
Whitehall.

The King to Sir Wm. Bolton, Lord Mayor of London. Had ordered him to stop William Cutler, merchant, in erection of some buildings in Winchester Street, near Pinners' Hall, lest they should be prejudicial to the lights of the Treasury Office; but finding that this will not be the case, requires him to suffer the building to be finished. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 9.*]

May 1.

10. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. Meets frequently in the Guinea Company with discourses of the King's being indebted to them. He is so in their stock, not having paid in his share as an adventurer, but considering how much he has paid for them in the Navy, thinks they are in his debt. Wants a computation of what has been paid for them. Thinks the wear and tear of ships mentioned can be better computed by the freight. The company say there is a matter depending between [the Navy Comrs.] and the East India Company, which may produce some ready money; he is to remind the Board of it. Endorsed with memoranda relating to the said computations. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

10. i. *Paper of memoranda, [some in Pepys' short hand,] being computations of the amount owing by the Guinea Company to the King, for the hire of ships.*

May 1.
The Ann.
Hope.

11. Capt. Robt. Moulton to the Treasurers of the Navy. Asks that a ticket in the office belonging to John Sparrow, transferred from the Centurion to his ship, may be paid to Elizabeth Sparrow, his wife. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 1.

12. Certificate by P. Stowell, mayor of Rochester, that having received orders from the Navy Comrs. to make search in the house of John Wilde, teamer in the dock at Chatham, for goods supposed to be purloined, he was reviled, in presence of the constables and soldiers in the open street, by the said John Wilde, who dared him

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to enter his house ; also that he found therein nearly 30 deal boards.
[Adm. Paper.]

May 1.
Dover.

13. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Sends the last month's account, and particulars of provisions shipped in two vessels for Rye, but put on shore again by Squire Gauden's orders, because the victualling at Rye does not proceed. [Adm. Paper.]

May 2.
Victualling
Office.

44. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. In order to a compliance with the declaration for 35,000 men's victuals for a year, provided some victuals at Pembroke ; since the alteration of the declaration, has directed the shipping of them for Plymouth. Is advised that shipping cannot be procured there nor at Bristol, without convoy, which is very uncertain. Asks for a ship to take in the victuals and deliver them at Plymouth, where more are required than was directed at first. To avoid relying on staves from Hamburg for making casks, ordered 400,000 pipe and hoghead staves in Ireland, which have been bought 16 months, but could not be transported to England, as some ships were lost for want of convoys. Asks that a vessel employed in carrying stores to Ireland may load back with them, for which he will submit to an allowance. Sends the names of four ports where the 1,400 tons of staves lie. [Adm. Paper.]

May 2.

15. Certificate by Thos. Simpson and two other shipmasters, of the time of the unloading and discharge of their three ships named from Gottenburg, laden with masts and goods for the stores at Portsmouth. With note by the Navy Comrs. allowing them 14 days each for coming into the river. [Adm. Paper.] Annexing,

15. L. *Memorandum of the time when the three ships named of Sir Wm. Warren's, laden with Gottenburg masts, were delivered of their goods.*

May 2.
Navy Office.

16. Examination of James Campenett before the Navy Comrs. Peter Rowley, boatswain of the Deptford yard, proposed to him to enter the receipt of a cable, missing from the Hardereen ; refused to enter it unless delivered. Thinks Rowley did it to serve the boatswain of the Hardereen. Also,

Examination of Peter Rowley. When bringing the Charles fire-ship into dry dock, found his hawser too short, and took a piece of cable from a boat which was left without watch, not knowing to whom it belonged. Two other pieces of cable were missing from the boat, which proved to be that of the Hardereen ; the boatswain came to him, and said that he had 26 months' pay due, and would be ruined if it were known that these things were missing ; promised to help him to find the cable or conceal the loss, and therefore came to Campenett. [Copy. Adm. Paper, 2 pages.]

May 2.

17. Sir John Denham to the Navy Comrs. Christopher Ousley and Nicholas Weymouth have been 28 months employed on the accounts of the Navy Office and do not make expeditious returns ; will take the said persons into the charge of the Office of Works. Asks payment of their arrears or part thereof. [Adm. Paper.]

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May 2. 18. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Desires they will hasten some oars down [to Chatham]. Comr. Pett and Sir Edw. Spragg say there is not one in store. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 2. Warrant to pay to Rich. Russell 300*l.*, for things bought for the service; to Sir Peter Wyche, late envoy to Portugal, 200*l.*; and to Hen. Coventry, for moneys disbursed in Sweden, 20*l.* [*Docquet.*]

May 2. Warrant to pay to Sir George Carteret 761*l.* 12*s.*, for the monthly pay of six additional companies in the Admiral's regiment from 2 July last, and 496*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* for four additional companies in the Holland regiment. [*Docquet.*]

May 2. Warrant for payments to Edw. Villiers, for the repairs of Tynemouth Castle, and adding fortifications; also for 400*l.* to [Col. Hen.] Farre, for fortifying Landguard Point. [*Docquet.*]

May 2. 19. Caveat that no grant pass of the Rectory of Cottenham *alias* Cotnam, diocese of Ely, and in the King's gift by the vacancy of that see, without first consulting the Archbishop of Canterbury. Signed M. Sm. and addressed to Williamson.

May 2. 20. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Two fire-ships have come from Harwich. the Nore to defend the harbour; Sir Bernard De Gomme has come, and finds the fortifications in great forwardness.

May 2. 21. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Departure of vessels; there are no Dutch nor French men-of-war on the coasts.

4 A.M.
Aldborough.

May 2. 22. Thos. Waade to Williamson. A Dutch dogger has forced into Whitby. Runswick, four miles to the north, three Whitby vessels laden with coals for the King's alum works, and has taken two others; one of the three having three guns, defended the other two till the Whitby trained bands and some volunteers got aboard, and brought them safe into harbour; another Whitby ketch, worth 500*l.* or 600*l.* and laden for the alum works, would have been taken, but Major Wickham's trained band was on the alarm, fell on gallantly with musket shot, and saved her. It is reported that some of the Whitby ships are retaken, and that one of our frigates has given the dogger chase.

May 2. 23. Jo. Man to Williamson. A privateer of 10 guns, put forth Swanesa. by a Swansea gentleman, has taken several considerable prizes.

May 2. 24. Hugh Acland to Williamson. About 20 sail, some very Truro. great ships, and supposed to be from Bristol and Wales, have been seen on the north coast.

May 2. 25. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The Drake went through the Deal. Downs; the north-east wind continues, and brings neither news nor profit.

May 2. 26. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. All at Nieuport, old and young, Dover. are busy making redoubts and fortifications against the French.

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There is a general report of a peace concluded with France. The Lenox, under Capt. Holmes, has sailed. The Duke of Lenox has ordered for London the prize the King of Denmark, laden with cordage.

May 2.
Portsmouth.

27. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Mary Rose has come in, and 80 of her best seamen are divided amongst three other vessels which wanted seamen, to prevent their running away; the fortifications in town and dock go on a great pace. Several merchant ships, homeward bound from several ports, are stopped till further directions about their sailing.

May 2.

28. Sir P. Musgrave to [Williamson]. Copies of the enclosed verses have been handed about among those who wish the contriver may prove a true prophet. They represent the great man named in his last letter as a well wisher of theirs, and name another, one degree less in quality, as no friend to government. These may be scandals spread to unsettle men's minds, as the want of money, the like of which has not been known before, makes them sullen and discontent. *Encloses,*

28. 1. *Verses of 12 lines, cautioning judges, juries, &c. to take heed how they they make innocency bleed, as Fortune's wheel will turn about in May 1667, or in November 1672.*

May 3.
Minehead.

29. John Maurice to Williamson. The Garland with 40 guns has convoyed 40 sail, bound for Bristol and Wales, from Plymouth; they met two French sloops and a Dutch caper, who bore away on perceiving the Garland, but she durst not leave her charge to pursue them.

May 3.
Newcastle.

30. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Sends a letter from Scotland to show what fear they are in there. The N.W. wind prevents the light ships coming in from Scarborough and Burlington.

May 3.
Totness.

31. Chr. Maynard to Williamson. Thanks for his letter and undeserved favours; is out of the frying pan into the fire, for some of his goods, being sent to Ostend, are put under arrest; is advised to get them all to England speedily, as there are great fears of seizure of French commodities in Flanders.

May 3.
Plymouth.

32. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The Advice, under Capt. O'Brien, met in her cruising several capers which were too nimble for her; also Sir John Harman and his fleet in the Soundings. The Mermaid has brought in two French prizes in ballast, bound for Greenland; she fought with two capers, which rowed away in a calm.

May 3.
Plymouth
Fort.

33. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Cannot hear of the ship named, nor of any other going to Barbadoes, so asks how to dispose of the packets sent. The Mermaid convoyed the John Bonaventure to within 20 leagues of Bilbao, and would have seen her in, had meeting with two French ships bound for Greenland, she took them.

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May 3.
Plymouth.

34. John Clarke to Williamson. Arrival of the Mermaid and her prizes. The Advice has come in, but is sent out by Sir Thos. Allin to cruise. The Greenwich is cleaning. The Straits' fleet is hourly expected.

May 3.
Plymouth.

35. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. Arrival of the Advice and the Mermaid with two French prizes, which were going out to catch whales. The Sorlings has arrived, having rescued a Jersey and a Scilly vessel, and brought in a richly-laden New Englander, that lost her main mast, and put into St. Ives, with 10 more tin-men and colliers.

May 3.

36. John Gourley to Mr. Ryley. Wants a copy of the inventory of the personal estate of Rich. Callow of Warminster, co. Wilts, in 1648; will pay for the copy, and also 5s. for the search if it be found, and 2s. if not found.

May 3.

37. "Advices," being notes from letters calendared above, and from the following:—

Sunderland, April 26: Many Hollanders have been on the coast, but done no harm; the frigates in Tynemouth haven have brought in a prize taken by the Sweepstakes.

Berwick, April 28: Tuesday, being St. George's and the coronation day, was observed with much solemnity, but had nearly proved fatal to the mayor and his brethren, for two of the guns which were to have been fired at their going to church were discovered to have ten musket bullets in them; four ships are in sight, supposed to be the Princess and her three prizes.

Newcastle, April 30: 20 light ships have come in from Burlington, the rest gone for the Humber; the Dutch ships are on the Scottish coast, and have chased some frigates.

Pembroke, April 27: Capt. Ware's privateer has taken three prizes, which are now at Scilly, and has again put to sea.

Plymouth, April 30: Several ships have passed by, suppose dto be Ostenders and Hamburgers homewards bound.

Falmouth, April 28: The Swallow of Falmouth has gone to Helford; two Pendennis privateers are fitting up to go to sea. [1½ pages.]

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38. Joseph Williamson to Lord [Arlington]. The Paris letters confirm the appearance of a breach with Spain; the King and Queen are going to Compiègne, where the Queen remains while the King proceeds to the rendezvous. Part of the Ostend fleet passed the Downs yesterday, with two convoys: their main body of 60 richly laden merchantmen was shattered and dispersed by a gust of wind; it is feared that a French sloop has made prey of part of them, and that some have foundered. Sir Bernard De Gascoigne has arrived. The Lord Treasurer continues very ill, and his spirits decay from the violence of his pains. Has given Lord Sandwich an account of his lordship's absence, and will do the same to the Earl of St. Alban's. Lady Ossory continues as his lordship left her this morning. [2 pages.]

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12 P.M.
Saxham.
39. Rob. Wilkins to [Williamson]. His Lord [Arlington] going to Euston, has ordered him to thank Williamson for his letter; he has not omitted any day since his arrival in viewing the place, where he intends to employ his whole time in giving his last orders; he is well, and sends a letter to Lady Arlington to assure her of his resolution to return on Tuesday; she is to send Lord Ossory's coach to the last stage, the place where he left them on Thursday.
- May 3.
Yarmouth.
40. L. Bower to Williamson. Major Farre has come to Yarmouth with his foot company from Langly [Landguard] fort; Capt. Bromley is paying his soldiers' quarters, and then they will march for the fort. Notices of ships.
- May 3.
41. Robt. Hubbard to Williamson. Sends a letter from Sir John Skelton to Sir Wm. Coventry, about George Laphorne's business, with earnest requests for favour about the salt ship. Will wait on him to-morrow for his reply.
- May 3.
London.
42. ——— to Monsieur Parant the younger. Business transactions. Purchase of hats. Wants some fine good blonde hair, which is in request. [*French, 3 pages.*]
- May 3.
The Amity.
43. P. M. to Williamson. Sir Wm. Clenson (?) and another person of quality have arrived, having waited on Lord Holles and Mr. Coventry, from Mr. Seniseo, one of the States appointed to receive ambassadors. Mr. Seniseo himself is expected, after which, if the weather, now very foul, favour, they will go forward for Terbay. No salutes passed on entry; the town would have returned them if given, but they were not given lest the ships should take it as given to them. Many pleasure boats came out to meet them, the people expressing great joy at their arrival.
- May 3.
Edinburgh.
44. Rob. Mein to Williamson. The Dutch dared not fire a shot at Leith, though the people tried to provoke an engagement. They fired 1,500 shot at Burntisland and killed only one sow. They are not now in sight anywhere off the coasts. The people were so cheerful that had the Dutch continued 24 hours longer, 20,000 horse and foot would have risen, the people longing that they might land.
- May 3.
- Pass, at request of English merchants, for the ship Katherine, manned with foreign seamen, to go to the American plantations, on security to return to London. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 8.*]
- May 3.
- Warrant for a grant in reversion to Sir Hum. Biggs, Bart., of Houghton, Shropshire, nominee of William Lord Willoughby of Parham, of Bestwood Park, co. Notts, now disparked, the keepership and herbage of which were granted by the late King to the said lord, with a reversion to John Carey. [*Ent. Book 25, pp. 8 b, 9.*]
- May 3.
Plymouth.
45. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Arrival of the Advice and Mermaid, with two French prizes bound for Greenland. The Advice is ordered to Scilly to guard the coast, as there are several

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small French men-of-war thereabouts. The Greenwich will be ready to sail on Monday; will then send Mr. Lanyon's accounts of the several ships. The victualler has not received Mr. Gauden's orders for the petty warrants, which is a daily loss on 2*d*. a man on all ships that come in to clean, and also causes many to be turned to the hospital, and many to run away. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 4.
The Harp,
Dublin.

46. Capt. Robt. Hooper to the Navy Comrs. Will want cables, sails, and cordage, being ordered by the Duke of Ormond to convoy a vessel laden with guns and anchors to Bristol. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 4.

47. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Names four ships in the river, which will soon be ready, and asks that they may not be detained for want of pay. Believes that on the arrival of our ambassadors in Holland, they will procure passes from the States for some small vessels to carry dispatches to and fro, which must lie ready. They should have two vessels in their eye fit for it; small vessels will serve best, and be less charge. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 4.
Woolwich.

48. Peter Russell to [the Navy Comrs.] Repaired to Mr. Colvell the goldsmith, and viewed the 40 or 50 tuns of sound Flanders hemp lying at Summer's Key, belonging to Mr. Mould; if bought, it had better be transported to Chatham or Portsmouth, the stores at Woolwich being full.

May 4.
Bristol.

49. John Badcock to Sir Wm. Penn. Sends particulars of ship-building. Mr. Baylie is willing to lay by any bad timber that the writer finds fault with, and once was forced to take out timbers again. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 4.
Bristol.

50. John Knight, jnn., to the Navy Comrs. The Dartmouth frigate is being fitted by Mr. Furzer. Supposes the carpenter's work will amount to 300*l*., and the stores, &c. to as much more. Cannot imagine how it is to be done without money; the carpenters and labourers begin already to clamour. Begs a warrant from Lord Ashley for 600*l*., in which his father, Sir John Knight, is indebted to his lordship for money received for prizes sold, without which sum fitting the frigate cannot be effected. The Gift frigate arrived for a cable, &c.; will supply her that she may return to her station. Asks who is to receive the rosin at Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 4.
Kingston-upon-
Hull.

51. Thos. Pointer to the Navy Comrs. Capt. Bass of the Oxford has brought in an Amsterdam dogger of eight guns, which took three Swedish vessels bound for Hull. The Swallow will go to cruise, and the Oxford come in to be cleaned. If there had been a clerk of the cheque the charges would be less and the victuals of a great many men who are daily on shore saved, besides other appurtenances of which great benefits are made. The seamen are desirous of money before they go; hears nothing of any coming from York, nor of Sir George Carteret's sending any instrument about it; the money has been ready, by credible report, these five or six weeks. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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52. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comr. Sends the names of ships yet uncondemned. Supposes his Royal Highness's verbal directions for employing a proctor in the High Court of Admiralty for condemnation of prizes will be sufficient, and is anxious to hasten it. Hears from Hull that the *Little Victory* and the *Pearl* have mutinied for pay, and other ships will follow their example. Asks them to despatch the clerks to Hull as fast as they can, as the noise of their coming may keep the seamen quiet. Comr. Middleton has not heard the directions concerning the addition to the fifth and sixth-rate frigates; they are to hasten them to the several ports. [*Copy, Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses.*

52. I. *Thos. Blackman to Sir Jer. Smith. Desired his men to weigh anchor, but they denied for want of pay; showed them an order from Comr. Taylor for their payment in Hull; yet in spite of all he and Capt. Wetwigny could say, those whose names are enclosed still stand to what they have said, that they have 26 or 34 months due; most of them were turned over from the Dunkirk.*

Little Victory, April 30, 1667.

52. II. *Certificate that the undersigned have been in service some 34, some 26 months, have never received any pay, and are in great distress; also that they were promised by Sir Wm. Coventry to be paid there. [Copy]*

May 4.
Leith.

53. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comr. All the damage done by the Hollanders was that they killed a hen, and a rat that had built in an old chimney. The little fort of Burntisland so plagued them that three of their ships were forced to come, by to stop their leaks. The Earl Marshal writes word that he saw this fleet off Peterhead, coming southward, and bad word that they had convoyed north about the East and West India, Straits, and Smyrna fleet. Has received no instructions about the charges and wages of George Strachan's galliot. Has spent through loyalty his all in the service, and if he had died at this time, his friends had been forced to beg moneys to bury him; has not wherewith to pay his physician, apothecaries, &c. All that he can do is to get his daily bread. Hopes not be turned off without discharge or clearing of accounts, making that place wonder why he is slighted and cast off. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 4.
Leith.

54. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comr. Wrote concerning the masts and timber arrived, and his trouble about paying the wages of George Strachan's galliot. Entreats relief; Sir Jeremy Smith will signify his readiness to assist him for the service. Has written a short petition to his Royal Highness, and desires them to deliver it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 4.
Purasmouth.

55. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of four ships named. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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May 4. 56. John Lysle to Williamson. The correspondent he desired to have at [South] Hampton is in the country. The Hawk has brought in a prize, which pretends to belong to Brandenburgers, and to have licence to import French wines into London; she is taken to Southampton till orders for her release. The Deptford has taken 100 brave soldiers, yellow coats of the Duke of York's regiment, to Guernsey; they stayed one night on shore at West Cowes for refreshment.
- May 4. 57. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The colliers are laden, but will not sail on account of want of convoys, and a report of capers on the Yorkshire coast; also the low price of coals encourages them to stay. The Dutch have done little hurt in Scotland, and are gone.
- May 4. 58. Fras. Malory to James Hickey. The Garland has brought in 32 vessels, chiefly laden with prize goods from Plymouth, bound for Bristol, Swansea, and Pembroke; she met off the Land's End two men-of-war, whose appearance caused all the vessels to draw up in a round circumference; she afterwards intended to chase the men-of-war, but they rowed away in a calm. Many French and Dutch privateers about the Land's End must hinder the coal trade of Pembroke.
- May 4. 59. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.
- May 4. 60. Sir Thos. Langton, mayor of Bristol, to Williamson. Renews his request for the discharge of, or orders about, the three French prisoners from Barbadoes, who are very sick, and have no subsistence but from charity.
- May 4. 61. J. Fitzherbert to Williamson. Sends his own and the Marquis [of Worcester's] thanks for his last favour. The Ruby, laden with sugar and wool from Barbadoes, reports those parts in good condition, but the ships are not ordered to take in goods, and are expected to be employed to recapture the places taken by the enemy. Two ships were lost in going thither; one being chased, ran ashore and was cast away, but the men were saved and are at the Canaries. Seven or eight ships, supposed to be the Straits' fleet, are seen in the Channel.
- May 4. 62. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Sir Jeremy Smith went to Grimsby Road in the pleasure boat, and returned the same night. Notices of vessels there. The Pearl chased a small privateer, but she escaped. Three men-of-war are in the Humber, the rest lie off Flamborough Head.
- May 4. 63. Sir Jer. Smith to Williamson. On the 1st the Dutch were seen off Whithy, but have done no harm except that a dogger took three small vessels with alum-work, coals, &c., and forced two or three more ashore, which got off again by help of the trained bands. The 26 light colliers in Bridlington Bay refused to come into the Humber when he ordered them, and but for a northerly wind, would

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most of them have been taken or burnt. The shooting heard off Bridlington was the sealing of their guns in mounting; most of them are planted in convenient places on the ground, till the fort and platforms, which are in good forwardness, are made. The enemy has 27 sail and 4 galliots. Would like to meet them, but has only 4 fourth-rates, 7 fifth-rates, a yacht, and 3 ketches, and most of the ships cleared out of provisions. Has written to Squire Gauden about it, but received no effectual answer. Has sent 6 sail to cruise, and 1 to observe the enemy's motions. Will give directions when he leaves to have Williamson's letters forwarded to him. [*1½ pages.*]

May 4.
Berwick.

64. M. Scott to Williamson. The Dutch discharged several cannons against Burntisland, killing two persons, and then withdrew to sea; 48 sail have been seen near Dunbar, but it is not known whether they are Dutch. The forces of Scotland were drawn to the seaside to prevent invasion; neither the Scots nor those of the north of England are much afraid of the enemy. A great vessel, supposed a Dutch galliot, is seen cruising northwards.

May 4.
Ipswich.

65. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The works go on fairly. Sir Bernard de Gomme left yesterday.

May 4.
Rydal.

66. Dan. Fleming to Williamson. Promises to assist Williamson's brother about the chimney money, and hopes he will not complain of foul play in that half of Westmoreland; if the other half or Cumberland oppose him, hopes to be able to persuade them to what is legal and reasonable. Hears his brother has many partners, some of whom may disgust some justices of peace. Wishes the ambassadors good success in the peace; thinks the French will not be averse to it if their great design be against Flanders.

May 4.
Aldborough.

67. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Notices of vessels seen.

May 1st.
Nautes.

68. Lorido Du Mesnil to [M. Louis Parant]. Private affairs. The King with his army sets out on the 16th instant. [*French.*]

May 4.
Whitchell.

Warrant to the Keeper of Newgate to discharge James Thompson, prisoner there, on his security to appear on summons. [*Ent. Book 28, p. 4 b.*]

May 4.

Commission to [the Earl of Bridgewater] and the other Commissioners appointed to examine the accounts of the present war, ordering them to take the said accounts on the oaths of the accountants and witnesses, and appointing them and three of the judges to discover and punish all frauds therein. [*Ent. Book 21, pp. 52-3.*]

May 5.
Ponmouth.

69. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The fortifications go on vigorously, the weather being good, and many hands employed. Sir Rob. Holmes is there to give and receive orders. The soldiers for Jersey and Guernsey are gone under convoy of the Paradox. Some frigates are seen cruising between the Isle of Wight and France. The Delph from Madeira, with her convoy, waits a wind to convoy several merchant ships bound for the Thames.

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Plymouth.

70. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The Sorlings has brought in a London vessel of 300 tons, richly laden, from New England, which spent her main mast, and would have been taken by a caper had not the Sorlings rescued her. The Drake, ordered for Plymouth, has come in from the east. Sir Thos. Allin is much applauded for his care in hastening out frigates. Had such care been used formerly, trade had been secured, and five times the number of frigates taken.

May 5.
Deal.

71. Rl. Watts to Williamson. Twelve or fourteen sail of Swedes and Ostenders bound for Ostend have been seen near Dover.

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7 P.M.

72. Sir Philip Frowde to Williamson. Sends labels of the two mails now come in, which might have been 12 hours sooner, the King's letters sooner brought, and the exchange answered. It should be questioned about. One of them landed at Deal, so Sir Wm. Temple's letters may be expected to-morrow. The French have finished Charleroy, and put in 150 pieces of artillery, 2,000 cart loads of meal, and other provisions. They fortify Florie to secure their convoys as they march to Louvaine and Brussels; they will come into Flanders after they have done their fortifications.

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Hull.

73. Sir Anth. Gilby to Williamson. The Dutch fleet on the coast causes such fear that not a ship dares stir out. The Nightingale, falling by night into the middle of the Dutch fleet, was taken, after fighting till she was almost shattered. Sir Jer. Smith is gone to the mouth of the Humber.

May 5.

74. P. Stowell, mayor of Rochester, to the Navy Comrs. Sends two certificates and an information concerning iron, timber, and deals, embezzled from the Chatham stores by Wilde. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

74. 1. *Certificates by Thos. Phips and John Grimston that they saw John Wilde, teamer of the dockyard at Chatham, carry from his house near the dock to his other house in Pump Lane, Rochester, in a waggon, upwards of 60 deal boards, with oak posts, and new iron, belonging to His Majesty, and that he has sold them.* [*Copy, dated May 16.*] May 5, 1667.

May 6.
Portsmouth.

75. Account by John Tippetts of works required to be performed on six ships named, lying in port at Portsmouth, and of what shallops and boats are necessary to be built. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

May 6.
Bristol.

76. Nathan. Whitfeld to Lord Brouncker. Came to pay the Dartmouth's company, but Capt. Trevanion cannot have her paid for 12 days, as she is unrigged and fitting for careening. Asks whether he is to stay, or shall appoint the money to be paid by Sir John Knight. There is but 3,000*l.* ordered for this ship, and she will take 4,600*l.* if Capt. Rooth and the men lately discharged from her to the St. David be paid as expected. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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May 6. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Was informed by Sir Thomas Langton, mayor of Bristol, of the payment of the bill of exchange for 1,000*l.*, and has received the money from him. Thanks for it, though it will not nearly satisfy what is owing; being so long without money, has been put to great straights. Hopes another supply to discharge the debts; has not received money since Feb. 1666, the 600*l.* being for the ironwork sent up. There is also ironwork new made, and anchors for the *St. David*, esteemed very good. Asks an order to send them up by a vessel that came with gunner's stores. Stores are wanted for the *St. David*. It was thought unseemly that she should ride in Kingroad, and be launched and brought down, without either ensign, jack, pennant, or vane. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 6. 78. Certificate by Thos. Lewis that Robert Orrin, late purser of the *St. Andrew*, has cleared his victualling account between 30 April and 14 Dec. 1666. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 6. 79. Frns. Bellott to Williamson. Capt. Watson of the *Mermaid* has summoned off two French prizes of 10 and 11 guns, bound for Greenland, which he had taken. One of the pickeroons that swarm on the coast has taken the packet boat from Scilly, lading worth 40*l.*, and stripped the men and sent them ashore.
- May 6. 80. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The *Fanfan* and *Truelove* have sailed northward. A Swede laden with deals, which has been along the Holland coast, saw neither Dutch nor English men-of-war, and none are on our coasts; 27 or 28 light colliers have sailed northward without convoy.
- May 6. 81. Dr. T. Smith to Williamson. What Williamson sent them from my Lord Chamberlain was a very bitter pill, but sweetened with his own, has been taken better than was expected. Hopes to be with him the last week in June, coming by Oxford.
- May 6. 82. "Advices" received, being notes from letters calendared above.
- May 7. Warrant to pay the Duke of Monmouth, for the present supply and settlement of his household 18,000*l.*, being three years' advance on his annuity of 6,000*l.* [*Docquet.*]
- May 7. Warrant for a licence to John Bowles to export 50 barrels of gunpowder to New Plymouth in New England, in which he is interested. [*Ent. Book 25, f. 9 b.*]
- May 7. 83. Jo. Man to Williamson. A Welsh privateer, commanded by Capt. Ware, has brought three prizes laden with salt, wine, and brandy, into Oxwich Bay, 10 miles distant, and will take the goods for disposal to Burry River, where its owner lives.
- May 7. 84. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The enclosed, from a merchant friend, is all the news he can give. *Encloses,*
84. 1. *Note that the Dutch have made a strong assault, but done little harm, though they shot 2,000 shot at Burntisland,*

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and were only prevented sending fire-ships into that and Leith harbour by the sinking of ships at the harbours' mouths. The King's three frigates got up the water, so that the Hollanders only got a privateer and a coal boat. Also, Leith, May 4, 1667.

84. II. *Note that the ship taken by Capt. Richeson, of Montrose, proves prize; there is a strong alarm of 36 Holland men-of-war appearing there, which are now cruising up and down. Montrose, May 3, 1667.*

May 7. 85. John Maurice to Williamson. Will be more observant of
Minehead. his letter cases; sends one in which the seal differs from the others. Several barks in port wait for the Little Gift, now in Bristol, to convoy them for Ireland.

May 7. 86. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. Introduces a relation
Kinderton who wishes to kiss his hands. Lord Derby replies not either to the
Lodge. King's warrant or Lord Arlington's letter, which puts a stop to the repairs of [Chester] castle; has written several letters craving assistance therein.

May 7. 87. Edw. Whelston, postmaster of Canterbury to Williamson. Will
Canterbury. obey Lord Arlington's directions to give monthly accounts when the letters come to hand, and will give bonds for performance, as desired. Complains that the men who keep horses in town daily horse out-landish men, with or without guides, and if guides come from Sittingbourne or Dover, will pull them off their horses before the writer's face. Begs redress, that he may execute his business as designed. Asks an answer to his letter, which is more than he ever got from Sir Phil. Frowde, to whom he has sent 100 times.

May 7. 88. John Clarke to Williamson. Sir Thos. Allin sent a frigate
Plymouth. and his own pleasure boat, to find those small French pickeroons that lie under the rocks and take the coasters, the great ships being unable to come near enough to discover them; three frigates have come in from cruising in the Soundings, but met no enemy. The arrival of the Straits' fleet is much longed for.

May 7. 89. John Clarke to James Hickey. To the same effect.

May 7. 90. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Some persons venture up and
Harwich. down the coasts without convoys.

May 7. 91. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Delph has sailed with
Portsmouth. the homeward-bound merchant ships, which have long waited a convoy at Plymouth; the fortifications go on apace.

May 7. 92. Sir Rob. Holmes to Williamson. Complains of not hearing
Portsmouth. from him. Has sent three frigates out cruising, but they met only Ostenders, Lubekers, and Swedes, and a small French sloop, which one of them chased ashore on the French coast; one small prize has been brought in; ships are continually cruising, so that nothing can stir in the Channel without notice.

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Prize Office.

93. The Commissioners of Prizes to the Navy Comrs. Desire them to order the delivery of the ship *Lamb* to Mrs. Anne Golding, relict of Capt. Golding, or to Francis Leicester. [*Adm. Paper, Copy.*] *Annexing,*

93. 1. *Order from the Commissioners of Prizes, Lords Anglesey, Arlington, and Ashley, to the Commissioners of Prizes of the port of London, to deliver the Lamb, with her tackle, apparel, &c. lying unused at Woolwich, to Anne, widow of Capt. John Golding, as His Majesty's free gift, and to certify to the Commissioners of the Navy that they may comply therewith. [Copy.] Whitehall, June 3, 1667.*

May 7.
Dublin.

94. Account by Sir John Knight of 90 tons of guns, anchors, and cables belonging to the Duke of York, shipped in the John of Maxford and the Dublin for His Majesty's use. Also account by Arthur Cleevely, purser of the Richmond, of guns, anchors, and cables sent by Sir John Knight from Bristol in that frigate, 20 Dec. 1667, and said to be at Deptford. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

May 7.
Plymouth.

95. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Arrival and departure of ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 7.
Portsmouth.

96. Thos. Eastwood to the Navy Comrs. Some of the trees are felled in the forest, and more soon will be, as men are at work in several places. They want their money suddenly, as the forest is a poor hungry place: has been threatened with arrest by some of them. Comr. Middleton has written about it, but can have no supply; the boys are so much employed about the fitting out of the ships that they cannot be spared to fetch the timber from Red-bridge. The whole charge will amount to 1,200*l.*; has had 1,000*l.* imprest, and being at a considerable charge, asks for a further supply. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 7.

97. R. Waith to the Navy Comrs. Asks if Mr. Maidman may pay the Dartmouth in the clerk's presence, though in the absence of Sir John Knight, leaving part of such men's pay as are doubted, to secure their attendance; also if he ought to pay the standing officers who have not accounted for their stores. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 8.
Dover.

98. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Furnished the fire-ships with small things to secure their stores, but as they now demand deals and other materials to make cabins for their officers, has desired their captains to apply to the Board, not knowing how far their demands will go. Thanks them for ordering payment of 44*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, balance of his accounts. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 8.

99. Sir Win. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Asks that Capt. Rooth, of the *St. David*, may be supplied with stores required, and that the 40 men turned into her from the *Dartmouth* may be paid

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as far as the rest of the Dartmouth's company are. [Adm. Paper.]
Encloses,

99. 1. *Capt. Rich. Rooth to Sir Wm. Coventry. No care shall be wanting in hastening the St. David to sea, but she is not so ready as he expected. Her guns would have been in but the carriages did not come till yesterday, and are all too high for the ports. Has no stores, nor so much as a furnace or kettle to boil provisions, and the men have to lie on deck for want of hammocks, which is no small discouragement. The clerks have arrived to pay off the Dartmouth, but have no orders to pay the tickets of those men taken into the St. David, which he fears will produce some discontent. Asks redress therein.*

May 8.
 Gravesend.

100. Rich. Elkin to the Navy Comrs. The person convicted of forgery stood in the pillory to-day, and is to stand there the next market day. The fellow was very stubborn at first, and did not stand quietly till the mayor directed handcuffs to be put upon him, which could not be done till four or five seamen went up and forced him to it. He is a very bold audacious rogue, and did not value the disgrace, but took a pride in saying that he had made many tickets, and was only sorry that he was apprehended for such a small sum, and many other stories in pride of his roguish actions. [Adm. Paper.]

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 Hull.

101. Sir Jer. Smith to the Navy Comrs. Will give the respective commanders notice of the directions as to the men to be allowed to the fourth and fifth-rate ships. Sends particulars of his ships, the amount of provisions on board, number of men, &c. The Swallow wants new sails and repairs. Is glad that money is ordered for Mr. Blaydes, though it is but little, considering the great occasions for it. Wants a great quantity of beer, that place not being able to supply it; desires that Mr. Gauden may be reminded thereof, as he promised some beer from Ipswich or Lynn. Shall see that nothing is overcharged in Mr. Blaydes' account; has desired him not to deliver any stores without his orders while there, and has directed the captains to see that they are not converted to other uses, as he fears they have too often been. The Monmouth wants sails. [Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.]

May 8.
 Hull.

102. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Sir Jeremy Smith has come up again; he would have come up the tide before, had not the wind been so high; he has ordered the frigates out, but they dare not venture on account of the stormy weather; 13 or 14 sail of ships will soon be ready for London.

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 Weymouth.

103. John Pocock to James Hickey. A small sloop has taken a bark in sight of Portland.

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May 8. 104. Sir P. Warwick to [Williamson]. Sends the form of the privy seal, required, as certified by Sir Rob. Long and himself. *Prefixing,*
104. 1. *Warrant to pay 20,000*l.*, half of the 40,000*l.*, out of the second 100,000*l.*, as it cannot be paid from the first 100,000*l.* as appointed because of the certificates and loans that were so soon brought in and registered. Endorsed, "20,000*l.* for sick and wounded; the assignment altered."*
- May 8. 105. Fras. Malory to Williamson. The Richmond, sailing for the coast of Ireland, retook a Bristol vessel which had been captured by a Flemish privateer, but having lost her main-topmast in a gust, the privateer escaped her, taking away the Bristol vessel's men save one, and 20 young women who were on board. Capt. Ware, a privateer, has brought into North Burry three prizes laden with salt, wine, and brandy.
- May 8. 106. Fras. Malory to James Hicken. To the same effect.
- May 8. 107. M. Scott to Williamson. The galliot hoy which came into Holy Island proves to be a prize which Capt. Robinson of Dundee took on the coast of Denmark, laden with oil, tar, and stockfish.
- May 8. 108. Thos. Holden to Williamson. The Constant Warwick was separated by weather from the Straits' fleet, 70 sail, under Rear-Admiral Kempthorne, 12 or 14 days ago, and left them in good condition, 40 leagues off the North Cape; three or four ships now in sight are believed to be part of them. The Constant Warwick in her way took three French prizes, bound for the Bank, sent one away with the prisoners, and has brought in the other two laden with salt.
- May 8. 109. Thos. Holden to James Hicken. To the same effect.
- May 8. 110. L. B. [Leonard Bower] to Williamson. Capt. Dorrell's company has left for Langly [Landguard] fort. An Ostender has come in laden with merchants' goods. Thirty or forty Dutch prisoners have left Yarmouth for Norwich.
- May 8. 111. Petition of Henry Brunker to the King for the offal and unserviceable wood of 1,000 oaks, ordered by the Lord Treasurer to be felled in Whittlewood, co. Northampton, for the use of the Navy. With reference thereon to Lord Treas. Southampton and Lord Ashley; report by John Madden, surveyor of the woods on this side Trent, that the value of the offal and unserviceable wood of the said 1,000 trees in Whittlewood Forest, co. Notts, is 625*l.*; and that no fees are demanded for offals, except 12*d.* in the pound allowed to the surveyor of woods; and final report of Lord Ashley, June 5, referring the petitioner to the King.
- May 8. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, p. 250.]

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May 8. Commission for Chas. Palmer to be Ensign to Capt. Roscarrock. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 143a.*]
- May 8. Commission to Robt. Kilvert to be Ensign to Capt. Cartwright. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 143a.*]
- May 8. Warrant for discharge of Claus and Gerrit Cornelius and Hans. Dirricks, prisoners at Exeter. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 448.*]
- May 8. Privy seal for 20,000*l.* to the Privy purse. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 448.*]
- May 8. Pass for the ship *St. Peter*, laden by John Horsam and George Laphorne of Plymouth, from Plymouth to Bilbao and back, though manned by foreigners. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 10b.*]
- May 8.
Whitehall. Warrant for a grant to John Spencer of certain concealed lands and tenements in the hundreds of Blofield and 20 others, co. Norfolk, returned into the Exchequer by Elizabeth Countess of Guildford, according to a commission of inquiry granted her; the said Countess having, by a writing under her own hand, and one under the hand of her servant John Kenyon, transferred her interest therein to John Spencer. [*Ent. Book 26, pp. 6 b-7.*]
- May 8.
Whitehall. The King to the Warden and Electors of Winchester and New College, Oxford. Recommends William, son of William Prater, who has suffered much for loyalty, for admission as child of Winchester College next election; the charity will be well placed, and he will duly remember their compliance. [*Ent. Book 27, p. 122.*]
- May 8.
Whitehall. 112. Order in Council, on memorial of M. Gravier, that he attend Lord Arlington, who is hereby authorized to compliment him with the release of the prisoners who came from Barbadoes.
- May 8. 113. Note that the King, in regard to the suit made by the *Sieur de Gravier*, and as an act of his own generosity, has declared that the French prisoners be discharged, without other payment than the 2*ls.* per head stipulated by the last agreement, provided all the French prisoners now in hold are at once taken off at that rate, for which an order of Council was directed to the Commissioners for sick, wounded, and prisoners at war.

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May 9.
Trump. 1. Hugh Acland to Williamson. The Constant Warwick has brought in two French prizes, both bound for the bank of Newfoundland; she took another, but was obliged to give it back in order to be freed of the prisoners, who much exceeded his own company in number. She lost company of Capt. Kempthorne's squadron off Lisbon.

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May 9. 2. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The frigates cruising between
Portsmouth. the Isle of Wight and the coast of France secure the merchant
ships.
- May 9. 3. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The commissioner has sent to recall
Harwich. 20 or 30 light vessels bound northwards, on an express from London
of a Dutch fleet being abroad on the coasts. Will send to London
by his wife, for the King and Duke of York, the two maps of
those coasts, which he has finished. They must be sent for to
Mrs. Peverell's, near the Star tavern, East Smithfield.
- May 9. 4. Rich. Browne to Williamson. A Dane, laden with deals for
4 A. M. London. Aldborough. London, sailed with 13 other vessels, also for London, but lost them
in a storm; he saw no men-of-war, Dutch, French, nor English.
Rich. Cooke, a deputy lieutenant of the county, and an active honest
royalist, intercepted a letter from some of several disaffected persons
whom he has in prison, in mystical characters, which ordered
payment of some money, mentioned Fleetwood in Norfolk, and
some design on foot; he sealed up the letter and forwarded it,
intending to intercept the answer. At a muster of the trained
bands, he broke some unserviceable arms, and fined the offending
persons.
- May 9. 5. Rob. Mein to Williamson. The Laird of Spot and Wm.
Edinburgh. Douglas wens to be tried at the criminal court for the murder of
Sir Jas. Home, but the trial is deferred, there being not an assize
of barons of their own quality. Two prizes are taken and brought
into Leith.
- May [9?] 6. John Burekhard to Prince Rupert. Having been long thwarted
London. by Hollanders in his design to offer his services to the King of
England, is anxious, now that he has arrived, to revenge himself on
them. In December last, a fleet of 50 ships sailed from Hamburg,
for France, Spain, Italy, &c., loaded with Hamburg and Holland
people and merchandise. Advises the seizure of part of this fleet,
now on its return home, laden with 10 or 15 tons of contraband
silver, and proposes plans by which it may be accomplished, &c.
[Spanish, 3 pages.]
- May 9. 7. John Burekhard to Dr. Jenkins, judge of the Admiralty
London. Court. Is a subject of the Elector Palatine, and anxious to serve
the King in the Dutch war. Assures him of his past skill in
maritime affairs. Gives him secret information of 20 or 30 ships
expected from Spain, under a Hamburg convoy, that have much
silver on board, intended for Holland and other enemies. [Latin,
2 pages.]
- May 9. Warrant to pay to Edw. Backwell 673l. 10s. for the price of gold
for a jewel, given to the envoy of the Emperor of Germany.
[Docquet.]
- May 9. 8. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. The Sweepstakes'
Leith. captain has sold and landed a ferry-boat of prize goods and rigging,

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and set sail yesterday down the Forth. The other frigates have pressed two capers off the mouth of the Forth, and sent their three boats with 80 musketeers, and pressed most of the seamen out of the town of Enster, but Lord Linlithgow's company of soldiers lying near, came down upon them, and demanded by what commission of the Commissioner or Council of Scotland they had come to press the subjects of Scotland; the English told them they had none, whereon they took the pressed men and commanded them to their boats. Has written six letters and received none these five weeks. George Strachan's galliot is come down without orders, either for payment or clearing of the ship's charges or seamen's arrears. Has desired Mr. Cottrell to supply them with victuals. Four of the frigates spoken of are in the mouth of the Forth till Sir Jer. Smith arrives. Hopes they will speak to his Royal Highness to consider the writer's condition. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 9.
Deptford.

9. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Sends particulars of a survey made of the Dutch Besano. Asks for a warrant to repair her and the Royal Escape boat. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 9.
Ipswich.

10. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. The agent there can provide 500 tuns of beer in 14 days, having 1,500 tun of casks in store and 150 tun of beer in the brewhouse, besides casks for provisions, he has discharged 10 of the coopers, having worked up all the new stuff in the yard. No ships have arrived. They bake, but do not brew. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 9.
Portsmouth.

11. Inventory, by H. Salesbury, of stores, &c. on board the Portsmouth sloop, and delivered into the charge of Robt. Seaman. [*Printed form filled up, Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

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12. Note by Mr. Tooker, that Michael Russell, master of the Golden Falcon, commanded John Stoakes to make ready his long-boat, into which John Drew, boatswain, delivered an anchor belonging to the Diamond, and for which the boatswain came to receive the money; also that Mr. Smith showed him a paper written by Wm. Scott of the Diamond, charging Capt. King and the said John Drew, both officers of the Diamond, with having embezzled goods named from various prize ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 10.

13. Examination of William Scott, and of John Stoakes and Robert Smith, both of St. Mary Overy's, before Sir John Mennes, as to the embezzlement of stores, &c., out of the Diamond and from aboard prize ships, by Michael Russell and others. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Annexing,
13. 1. Certificate unsigned, that it was manifest to the writer that certain goods were sold out of the prizes.

May 10.
Kingston-upon-Hull.

14. Thos. Pointer to Sam. Pepys. Arrival, departure, and repairs of ships. Shall be very careful and diligent in mustering the ships which come in. Is going to York, to speak with the Receiver General for that county about the money ordered for payment of ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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May 10. 15. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Arrival of ships.
Plymouth. The Adventure and Victory brought in a French prize bound for
Canada. Sends Mr. Lanyon's accounts, and will forward the several
muster rolls from time to time. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 10. 16. Comr. Peter Pett to the Navy Comrs. Cannot give an ac-
Chatham. count of all prize vessels delivered in that yard, till Mr. Norman
returns from London. The chain is promised to be dispatched
to-morrow, and all things are ready for fixing it. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 10. 17. Rich. Elkin to Sam. Pepys. Has not received any answer
Gravesend. from the under-sheriff. Imagines he received his letter, as he sent
the person to Gravesend to receive his punishment. The fellow is
very impudent, and glories in his base actions, and in what he will
do if set at liberty. He is to stand again next market day in the
pillory. Asks orders, before he is set at liberty, how they will have
him disposed of. Sends an account of petty warrants issued.
Names of four ships in the Hope. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 10. 18. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. An election being
Whitehall. intended suddenly at Suttons Hospital, for some of the old men's
places, it might be a good provision for some of the officers disabled
by wounds in the fleet. His Royal Highness and also the King
would willingly recommend some of them, but the constitutions of
the house are that none be admitted but such as are unmarried.
Desires they will make enquiry among the lieutenants and masters
that are single and have been very much wounded, and send the
names of such as they think fit to recommend speedily, or the
opportunity may be lost. Only remembers Lieutenants Simson and
Dawson; asks if they are unmarried. Conceives the subsistence
there a fit provision for lieutenants and masters at the least. Marked
Lieut. Penrose. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May ? 19. Request by Wm. Playters, B.M., of Queen's College, Cambridge,
for a mandamus to take his M.D. degree, though unable to perform
the exercises of the University, on account of his great charge of
children, and attention to his practice. [*Draft.*]
- May 10. The King to [the Vice-chancellor of Cambridge]. Recommends
Wm. Playters of Queen's College, M.B., for the degree of M.D.,
though, on account of his great charge of children, he is unable to
perform the usual exercises. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 57.*]
- May 10. 20. Warrant to the Commissioners for sick and wounded
Whitehall. prisoners of war, to deliver to the Sieur Gravier all the French
prisoners remaining in the kingdom, on payment of 24s. a head for
seamen, and for officers after their quality, according to the agree-
ment for exchange of prisoners, remitting whatever might be de-
manded of them for their subsistence, provided he take all the
French now prisoners.
- May 10. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 448.*]

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- May 10. Warrant to the Board of Greencloth to allow 20s. a day in lieu of a diet of three dishes of meat, to Ralph Montague, master of the horse to the Queen. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 449.*]
- May 10. Privy Seal to pay 48*l.* to Edward Progers, being for fines arising to the King from the ferry at Hampton Court, and for fishing in Cobham river. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 450.*]
- May 10. Grant in reversion to [Charles] Gringaud of the first Under-searcher's place void in the port of London. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 450.*]
- May 1. 21. Petition of Richard Lord Byron to the King, for the loan of two other condemned prizes, the St. John Evangelist and St. Peter, to carry his timber for His Majesty's use, those for which he had the previous warrant being previously disposed of.
- May 10. Warrant to the Commissioners [of Prizes] to lend Lord Byron the St. John Evangelist of Amsterdam, and the St. Peter of Rotterdam, to carry timber. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 450.*]
- May 10. Warrant to the Commissioners [of Prizes] to sell the Baker of Schelling, brought into Sunderland, to Thomas Shipton, at a fair appraisement. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 450.*]
- May 10. Warrant to Sir John Denham and seven other officers of the Works, to review work done about Windsor Castle and Park since June 1660, and estimate the value of repairs done severally by of John Viscount Mordaunt and Wm. Tayleur, to whom sums have been entrusted therefor; also what further repairs are needed, and what of the King's materials have been converted to other uses than his own; also what materials are now in store. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 10.*]
- May 10. Licence to Isaac Vivian, merchant of London, to transport three or four horses to Flanders, for the use of his son residing at Lisle. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 11.*]
- May 10. The King to Wm. Montague, the Queen's attorney general. The father of Henry Guy, the King's servant, lent in 1636, 100*l.* on bond to Thos. Tresham, of Pilton, and Sir Lewis Tresham, of Livedon, both co. Northampton, which debt Hen. Guy has failed to recover from Maurice, son of Thos. Tresham. Sir Lewis Tresham's estate of Livedon was escheated to the Crown, and granted to the Earl of Sandwich and Maurice Tresham, and the latter intends to sell his part thereof to pay his debts. Requests Montague, who is a feoffee of the sale, to take care that Guy's debt be paid, with reasonable interest. [*Ent. Book 26, p. 7.*]
- May 10. Warrant to the Commissioners for Prizes to deliver the galliot hoy, a Dutch privateer brought prize into Yarmouth, as the King's free gift, to Capt. Ben. Carteret, commander of the Pearl, who took her; and also her guns, &c., a former warrant for their delivery to the Ordnance Officers notwithstanding. [*Ent. Book 26, p. 7*b*.*]

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May 10. Order for a warrant to pay to John Earl of Bath, groom of the stole, 1,000*l.* for lace furnished for the King's use. [*Ent. Book 26, p. 8.*]
- May 10. Warrant to pay to George Duke of Albemarle the arrears of his pension of 1,000*l.* a year as gentleman of the bedchamber, the order for suspension of the payment of pensions notwithstanding. [*Ent. Book 26, p. 10 b.*]
- May 10. 22. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Sir Philip Frowde or Mr. Rycants.
1 P.M., Dover. The wind being contrary, the packet which left Dover on the 4th did not return from Nieuport till last night, with that which left on the 7th; both were forced into the Downs, landed the mails at Deal, and brought in the Dover letters by land.
- May 10. 23. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Seven of the small Ostend fleet
Dover. were cast away on or near the Goodwin in last week's storm, and several other great ships are missing. The Success, a small Dover privateer, has taken a French vessel laden with vinegar, bound for Flushing.
- May 10. 24. Joh. Smith to Williamson. The coast is clear of pickeroons,
Margate. and the mackerel men fish quietly, with the Blackamoor pink as convoy. Several barks from the westward, laden with lemons, have passed by to the Thames.
- May 10. 25. John Clarke to James Hickey. There are in the port eight
Plymouth. frigates and the Duke's pleasure boat. The Adventure has brought in a French prize, and the Constant Warwick and Drake two Ostenders on suspicion, but it is supposed that neither will prove prizes.
- May 10. 26. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.
- May 10. 27. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. Particulars of the prizes
Plymouth. taken by the Adventure and the Constant Warwick.
- May 10. 28. Sir Wm. St. Ravy to Williamson. Requests a pass for the
Spring Garden. bearer, Reuben Le Meure, to go into France; he is an honest man, and of the religion. [*French.*]
- May 10. 29. Rich. Forster to Williamson. There have 17 vessels, part of a
Newcastle. fleet, come in, but are not yet spoken to; the rest are gone for Sunderland.
- May 10. 30. Sir Robt. Holmes to Williamson. Lest he want materials for
Portsmouth. next Monday's Gazette, sends an account of the capture of the St. George, a French privateer, by the Dragon.
- May 10. 31. Sir Robt. Holmes to Lord [Arlington]. The Dragon has
Portsmouth. brought in a French privateer of 16 guns, taken off the Isle of Wight, after a long engagement, in which many of the French were killed and the vessel much shattered. Begs the loan of the vessel for six months, and will return it in much better condition. The French fleet is still at Roebelle, not above four or five being in the Straits.

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May 11. 32. John Bower to James Hickey. Hopes the light colliers have safely got into Tynemouth Haven. No enemies have been seen this week, and eight or nine frigates are in sight, cruising to and fro. The fort goes on very fast; 15 guns are mounted, and some already on their platforms.

May 11.
Hall.

33. Sir Jer. Smith to Williamson. Lest those parts should seem barren of news, some have taken the pains to raise a report of 80 sail of colliers taken, but none knows where, when, or by whom. The Speedwell and Orange have sailed for Newcastle with 40 light colliers; those from Bridlington Bay were to have gone with them, but they had sailed before. Notices of other ships. Bridlington fortifications will soon be finished, unless obstructed by want of money.

May 11.
Hall.

34. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The Swallow has come in to clean. The fleet for London has fallen down to Grimsby Road; no capers have lately been heard of.

May 11.
Pembroke.

35. Fras. Malory to Williamson. In the vessel retaken by the Richmond were eight Dutch prisoners, who were put by the agent for prizes in a prison of the town, whence they escaped by night, and no inquiry is made after them.

May 11.
Pembroke.

36. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hickey. To the same effect as the preceding. The Garland is ready to sail, with several colliers, to Plymouth, and the Richmond to Dublin, the first fair wind.

May 11.
Pembroke.

37. Fras. Malory to Capt. Man. To the same effect as his letters to Williamson of May 8 and 11; also the Dutch prisoners have been seen at Sandsfoot; they speak good English, and know the way well, for they inquire it of none, though they have met several. Wishes they may not help themselves to a vessel before they reach Swansea.

May [11]. 38. "Advices," being notes from letters all calendared above.

May 11.
Falmouth.

39. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. Three seamen belonging to the Mermaid of Dartmouth have come in; she was first taken by a Flushing man-of-war off Scilly, who plundered them of all they had, but gave them their vessel with old sails to get home; they were again taken by three French men-of-war, who carried away the vessel and master, and turned the men ashore in a small boat, to the hazard of their lives. The French told them their commission for the taking of ships expired on May 10. Rear Admiral Kemphorne and his fleet of 60 merchantmen have passed by from the Straits, Lisbon, &c.; two came into Falmouth, and say there is not one vessel lost or wanting, and much commend the Admiral's care. The Swallow and Panther privateers have put to sea.

May 11.
Portsmouth.

40. Sir Robt. Holmes to Williamson. The Sapphire has brought in a flyboat of 300 tons, laden with deals, which pretends to be a Swede, but is manned with Danes, and came from Denmark. Col. Slingsby has come in from Guernsey, and sends a letter to the Lord

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General; hardly believes the French fleet is out, but wishes to acquaint Lord Arlington with all that comes to his knowledge. A privateer met the *Paradox* going to Jersey with Capt. Herbert and his company, killed two of his soldiers and wounded ten. Has sent out all the ships that were ready, to cruise in the Channel, so that it will be difficult for any enemy to come in without speedy notice.

May 11.
Portsmouth.

41. And. Newport to Lord Arlington. Col. Slingsby, late Lieut.-Governor of the Isle of Wight, has arrived from Jersey, and says Sir Thos. Morgan's intelligence reports the French fleet of 40 sail to be put to sea, but he knows not the course they steered; the wind is westerly, but the King's ships cruising hear not of them in the Channel. They are supposed to be gone to look for the Spanish plate fleet.

May 11.
Weymouth.

42. John Pocock to Williamson. A Weymouth privateer has brought in a vessel of 300 tons, laden with wool, brandy, and wines, which pretends to be bound for Bruges. The French fleet is said to be certainly out, with 20,000 land forces on board, but even the captains do not know the design. Sir Thos. Morgan has had a rendezvous of the Jersey militia, 4,000 foot and 200 horse well equipped; he has doubled the guards, is encamping in the fields, and resolves to live or die in defence of the island.

May 11.
Lyme.

43. Anth. Thorold to James Hickey. The people are not a little joyful to see 40 sail off at sea, four of which are making for the harbour, which are believed to be the fleet from Malaga. Three or four Lyme vessels from Jersey and Guernsey have reached Weymouth.

May 11.
West Cowes.

44. John Lysle to Williamson. The Hawk ketch has stopped there to repair her rigging, which is much worn; she has often applied to the Master of attendance at Portsmouth to fit her, but he refuses, and she is in danger of falling into the enemy's hands. Col. Walter Slingsby has arrived, and reports that the French fleet is out, and waiting for the Spanish plate fleet. The *Paradox*, carrying over a company of the Duke of York's yellow coats to Guernsey, had a hot dispute with a French flyboat of 14 guns, and drove her on to the French coast. She has brought from Guernsey a prize taken by Capt. Tite's privateer. Capt. Thos. Stanton has returned from Surat in the East Indies, having landed Sir Gervase Lucas at Bombay, Nov. 5 last. He fought with a Dutch man-of-war on his return, but was forced to leave him, and lost some men by the blowing up of a barrel of gunpowder. The King of Golconda threatens to seize the Dutch factory at Masilipotam, if they meddle with the English. [2½ pages.]

May 11.
Newcastle.

45. Rich. Forster to Williamson. A man-of-war has come to the bar; those from Hull had 20 or 30 sail under their convoy.

May 11.
Oxford.

46. Dr. T. L[amplngh] to Williamson. Sends a letter to inform Dr. Smith that Lady Fletcher's daughter has come to Oxford and goes for the Bath on Monday. Dr. Pocock is dangerously ill.

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May 11. 47. Additional establishment of an ensign to Capt. Henry Farr's company, at Landguard Point Fort, to commence May 11, 1667; total yearly charge 54*l.* 12*s.*
- May 11. 48. Establishment of two companies of 100 soldiers each, to be added to the Duke of Albemarle's regiment of foot guards, to commence from May 11; yearly charge, 3,870*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*
- May 11.
Harwich. 49. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Sends by Capt. Southwood the maps for the King and Duke of York; some persons question the position of the several sands; has given them by the best information, and if not bettered by the Trinity house, will set them as right as he can from the Buoy of the Nore to Yarmouth. Will take any pains to perfect the maps if approved.
- May 11.
Harwich. 50. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The colliers that put in because of the alarm have sailed northward. The Spy has been abroad, but gives no account of any Dutch ships.
- May 11.
Custom House. 51. Sir John Shaw to Williamson. Refers him to Mr. Terrill for information about the unloading of the madders, which are questioned as to whether they are the growth or manufacture of Holland; asks assistance, the goods being damaged and perishable by long lying.
- May 11.
Deal. 52. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Notices of ships. The French and Dutch are said to have 100 ships at the Texel, but some say part of the French army is in Brabant, which will give the Dutch little encouragement to assist the French.
- May 11.
Aldborough. 53. Rich. Browne to Williamson. A French sloop chased ashore a small vessel bound for Boston, which the town secured, and the Spy, a small frigate, is in chase of the sloop; notices of ships.
- May 11.
Eggleston. 54. Chris. Sanderson to Lord Arlington. Has paid the party 20*l.* quarterly, and begs re-payment of the last 20*l.* advanced, and 20*l.* more if the payment to the intelligencer is to be continued. Sends a prophecy in verse which is current amongst the malignants. *Encloses.*
54. 1. *Caution to judges, juries, &c.* [The same as in Vol. CXCIX. No. 30 1, *supra.*]
- May 11.
Leeds. 55. Wm. Johnson to Thos. Gardiner, Controller of the Post Office, London. Has intercepted a letter from Rich. Capestock, one of the plotters who fled. Could have taken him before but his letters were conveyed by the carriers; they are to be left at Wm. Dix's, Bell Alley, Barbican. Thinks that the other plotters, Edw. Wilkinson, an Anabaptist preacher, Sam. Cloudesley, and John Fearnley, are near him. Will be vigilant in discovering them. Begs that his letter may not be read in the office openly, as their friends often come to the office for letters.

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 May 11. Congé d'dire to the Dean and Chapter of Ely to elect a Bishop for that see, void by death of Dr. Wren. [*Docquet.*]
- May 11. Letter recommending Dr. Laney, now Bishop of Lincoln, to be Bishop of Ely. [*Docquet.*]
- May 11. Warrant to pay to Baptist May, Keeper of the Privy Purse, 20,000*l.* without account. [*Docquet.*]
- May 11. Warrant to the Master of the Wardrobe to allow 40*l.* yearly livery to James Watson, Groom of the Robes in place of John Duncombe, deceased. [*Docquet.*]
- May 11. Pass for Major George Hamill to transport three horses into Flanders. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 10 b.*]
- May 11. 56. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Hopes the Delph is at the Buoy of Nore; has ordered her up to Woolwich, that her men may be paid off and the ship laid up, according to His Royal Highness's command. Sir Thos. Allin has ordered the master of the Milkmaid to carry his stores to Kinsale; asks what he is to do after delivering them. The Roebuck is at Rye, comes with convoys for the Tower, and may convoy the Friezland if ready. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 11.
 Bristol. 57. Capt. Ric. Rooth to the Navy Comrs. Has received the stores, and shall do his utmost to despatch the St. David to sea. Seven merchantmen arrived in Kingroad from Cadiz. Hopes to procure men out of them fit for the service. The clerks appointed to pay the Dartmouth are to pay the men belonging to her first, as far as the money will go, and to give him credit for satisfaction of the men discharged from her to go with him; hopes these may soon be paid. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 11.
 Bristol. 58. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the sails provided for the St. David, and of stores received for her. The Dartmouth will be ready to heave down on Tuesday. Has paid men for rigging the St. David, and other matters, and is in great straits for money for carpenters, carriers, &c. Asks for 800*l.* or 900*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 11.
 Portsmouth. 59. St. J. Steventon to Sam. Pepys. Affixed a copy of His Royal Highness's order at the gate in the yard, and read it on board every ship fitting. Sends warrants which were not issued before, as the pursers of the Sapphire and Dragon were gone to sea; the master of the Mary flyboat, speeding away with convoy, left his business with one who never appeared till the victualler called on him. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 12.
 Portsmouth. 60. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Dragon attacked a French merchantman, which was also a man-of-war of 16 guns, and, after a severe contest, took her within a mile of the French coast, where men were gathering for her rescue; she would not yield till the captain had both his legs shot off, and when the Dragon's men boarded her, after she had cried for quarter, she fired at them; the

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1667. Dragon only lost her gunner. The Sapphire has brought in a vessel laden with deals, that pretends to be a Swede, but is sent to Southampton to the Prize Comrs., to be examined. Encounter between the Paradox and a French dogger. [1½ pages.]
- May 12. 61. John Clarke to Williamson. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne has passed, with 60 sail of men-of-war and merchantmen; six went for Plymouth. Bristol, two for Falmouth, five for Plymouth, and one for Topsham. Sir Thos. Allin sent the Drake after the fleet; eight frigates are now in port.
- May 12. 62. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.
- May 12. 63. M. Scott to Williamson. A vessel supposed to be a Dutch privateer is cruising before the bar. It is reported that a Scotch privateer, Capt. Hamilton of Dundee, of 22 guns, has taken a Dutch vessel of 30 brass guns, by being the better manned.
- May 13. 64. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Capture of French prizes by Pendennis. the Constant Warwick; arrival of the Straits' fleet. There are daily complaints of pickeroons still doing mischief on those coasts.
- May 13. 65. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Arrival of the Straits' fleet; Truro. hopes the fair wind will have brought them into port.
- May 13. 66. John Pocock to Williamson. Arrival of the Straits' fleet Weymouth. with the body of Capt. Mahone. The Fairfax ran the Pembroke aboard, and, cutting her through with his anchor under water, she sank, and many men were lost.
- May 13. 67. Lord Belasyse to Williamson. Thanks for his letters and Hull. news, received on returning to Hull, after a journey northwards on his own business. Hopes the success of the treaty will soon dispense with his return to Court. All in those parts is in a very secure condition.
- May 13. 68. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The ships for London Hall. left the Humber on Saturday, and it is hoped that they have arrived.
- May 13. 69. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. No enemy has been heard of Lynn. for 14 days, but till to-day, the light colliers dared not leave for two months past, which makes coals dearer at Lynn than in London; they were encouraged to sail by a Scarborough vessel, which reports the coast clear of enemies, and well guarded by the King's ships, of which she met nine at once, sent out of the Humber by Sir Jeremy Smith. The Cygnet is convoying a fleet of laden colliers to London. The trained bands are to muster on Thursday.
- May 13. 70. Edw. Stratten and Joseph Browne to Father Patriek McGinn. Westminster. Request admission into his presence, to reveal things of high concern to the King's revenue, and that of Queen Catherine; how in a legal way, without damage to the subject, the revenue may be advanced by thousands, English retailers of ale and beer paying no more for their licences than the Irish have done the last four years.

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May 13. 71. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. As Mr. Dallett is so careless in
Dover. business, will try to settle another correspondent. Two vessels have
arrived for London, one with oranges, but sour and small; will
remember him when any come worth sending. Complains of delay
in his salary; was to have 50*l.* for his journey to Oxford, and 200*l.*
a year, but has had so much expense in journeys to London that he
will have little left, after paying his deputies their salary of 80*l.*;
has had 145*l.* allowed for goods, and has 104*l.* still due, but cannot
obtain it. Morice Edy, clerk to the Dover Comra. and a bencher of
the Temple, detains several sums from him.
- May 13. 72. L. B[ower] to Williamson. Notices of ships. Capt. Frary has
Yarmouth. brought in three prizes; two of them he rescued, the other was a
privateer of two guns.
- May 13. 73. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. Four vessels have arrived
Lyne. from Cadiz and Malaga, part of the fleet convoyed home by Capt.
Kempthorne, of whose civility and care they speak much; only one
vessel is lost, a Portuguese, which was forsaken by her crew, having
lost her masts. One vessel touched at Tangiers, and reported that
the mole goes on apace, that they grow rich, abound in gold and
silver, and have taken very many prizes lately, some French ones
from the Straits, very rich. Jersey and Guernsey are in good con-
dition, and our privateers have taken several prizes. A vessel
from Brest reports that the French have taken some ships from
the Spaniards, and that their great army is advancing towards
Flanders.
- May 13. 74. C. S[awtell] to Edm. Sawtell. The Straits' fleet has arrived
[Weymouth.] and gone. They put ashore the embalmed body of Capt. Mahone of
the Dreadnought, who died five weeks before, and wished to be
buried at Fleet, two miles off, among his ancestors. Sinking of
the Pembroke by the Fairfax; only her masts are to be seen, and the
Fairfax has had to stay for repairs. The Weymouth merchants are
in great trouble because one of their two ships is left behind in the
Straits.
- May 13. 75. John Lysle to Williamson. The Cadiz, St. Lucas, Malaga,
West Cowes. and Lisbon fleets, of 18 sail, richly laden with plate, &c., and under
convoy, have passed the island, where they caused an alarm, and
are at Spithead. The Portuguese master and company of a ship of
300 tons, laden on Englishmen's account, which had lost her masts,
forsook her, and refusing Capt. Kempthorne's offer to send a car-
penter to put up a mast and to tow her for England, they were
divided among the other ships. Capt. Mahone of the Dreadnought
died in Cadiz road, and has been solemnly interred with firing of
guns, &c., at Weymouth, where he was born. When the fleet sailed
yesterday, the Fairfax by mischance ran athwart the Pembroke and
sank her, few of the men being saved. The fleet lost the company
of the Constant Warwick through bad weather; they took a Holland
vessel laden with rye for Portugal. Some ships from Spain and
Portugal have arrived at Southampton. [24 pages.]

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 May 13. Aldborough. 76. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Passage of vessels. No privateers are seen; most of the colliers have come into harbour, on report of Van Glent's being northward, so that there is good store of able seamen at home.
- May 13. Pass for David Daly into France or Flanders. Minute. [*Ent Book 23, p. 451.*]
- May 13. Warrant for a grant to Sir Jonathan Trelawney, Bart., of the duty on the coinage of tin until Christmas 1670, on rent of 2,000*l.* a year, and payment of 500*l.* a year to Sam. Ennys and Chris. Bellott, former lessees; also for a lease to him, for seven years from 1670, of the said customs, on rent of 2,500*l.*; with proviso of recall at pleasure, on payment to him of 500*l.* a year till the expiration of the said lease. [*Ent. Book 26, p. 8.*]
- May 13. Bristol. 77. Sir John Knight to the Navy Comrs. The carpenters fitting the Dartmouth have not been paid since they began, and will leave off unless they receive their wages. Will heartily promote the service as far as he can, but has no money lying by him to do it; they may easily get an order on the collector of customs to pay what is wanted on this exigent. The captain of the Little Hart frigate arrived from Dublin demands stores before he can go to sea. The St. David stays, at great charge, for want of stores, which are laden at London, and should be despatched. The pitch will be sent according to order. Capt. Rooth having signed the boatswain and carpenter's demands for the Dartmouth, they will be provided if the money be ordered; 1,000*l.* is wanting to supply these ships; it is a pity they should lie there for want of it, when so many men-of-war are abroad. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*
77. 1. *List of stores required by the Hart frigate, Capt. Robt. Hooper, commander.*
- May 13. 78. Jonas Shish to [the Navy Comrs.] The caulkers pressed for service have not appeared, which is a great hindrance to the dispatch of works at Deptford dockyard. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 13. Portsmouth. 79. James Pugh, Navy clerk, to Sir John Mennes. Will have to stay there longer than was expected, not finding any money ready for payment of the ships. Is going with Mr. [Rich.] Maddocks to Winchester to receive some, but not nearly the quantity that will pay them. Has sent each ship's tickets by themselves to be signed; will be much puzzled if they get mixed. Sir George [Carteret] orders the men only to be paid up to 1 Aug. 1666. Sir Robt. Holmes has sent the ships that were to have been paid a cruising, until the money is ready. Arrival of the Straits' fleet. Accident of the Pembroke running aboard the Fairfax. Asks for the Warspite's muster book. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 14. Chatham. 80. Comr. Peter Pett to the Navy Comrs. Can say nothing as to any acquittance given to prize officers for receipt of goods from prize ships, nor of the sum each vessel has been valued at, except

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the Santa Maria and the Fortune dogger boat, for both of which he gave a receipt. Has never been ordered to appraise them, nor to give receipts, but will send a valuation of the vessels and their furniture and goods on guess, if desired. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

80. I. *Account of prize goods received into the stores at Chatham out of five ships named.* 14 May 1667.

May 14.
The Milkmaid,
Plymouth
Sound.

81. Thos. Stollard to the Navy Comrs. Has delivered the masts and stores at Plymouth to Sir Thos. Allin, who has ordered the Greenwich frigate to convoy him to Kinsale. Asks further orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 14.

82. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Tho King requires a ship of war to carry the Portugal ambassador to Holland. Asks which of three ships named will be soonest ready. [*Adm. Paper.*]

[May 14.]

83. Petition of Peter Slade, late master of the Franakin flyboat, to the Navy Comrs., to restore him to employment, being dismissed without giving any cause for displeasure. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

83. I. *Certificate by Wm. Sheldon and two others to his good attendance while the Franakin was at Woolwich.*

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83. II. *Certificate by the officers of the Franakin, that Peter Slade behaved himself very civilly and honestly while in the Franakin, and was not in the least neglective of His Majesty's business.* May 10, 1667.

83. III. *Certificate by John Cox and two others, that Peter Slade gave very good attendance as master of the Franakin, while taking in provisions at Deptford for Bristol.*

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The Richmond,
Cork Harbour.

84. Captain and Crew of the Richmond to the Navy Comrs. Complain of the drunken habits of Richard Smith, master, while on board and ashore at Kinsale. [*With numerous signatures. Adm. Paper.*]

May 14.
Plymouth.

85. John Clarke to James Hickes. No ships have arrived since his last letter.

May 14.
Newcastle.

86. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Forty light ships have arrived without convoy; there were more in their company, but discovering Capt. Wetwyng in the Tiger, with eight more ships, they feared lest they might be Hollanders, and fell back. Some men have been pressed from the colliers. Two men-of-war are at the bar, the rest cruising northward. There are above 250 ships in port.

May 14.
Portsmouth.

87. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne brought in 60 or 70 merchant ships; some are bound for London, some he dropped for Ireland, Bristol, and the western ports. The Pembroke ran aboard the Fairfax off Portland, and is sunk, but the

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men all saved except six or seven who were sick. Several strong ships are cruising between Weymouth, the Isle of Wight, and the coast of France.

May 14.
Portsmouth.

88. Sir Robt. Holmes to Williamson. The ketch sent out has brought in a small Frenchman, laden with figs and honey. Had the frigates ordered out on Saturday gone in time, they might have taken 22 French merchantmen, convoyed by two small French men-of-war.

May 14.
Harwich.

89. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Complaints of Comr. Taylor's putting an obstruction upon the Harwich hoy that was to take his maps. The Commissioner tries to injure him by concealing news, &c., from envy.

May 14.

90. "My addresses to you," being a list of addresses of 20 persons in the different cities of Switzerland and Italy, whose letters were addressed outside to three persons in Paris. With notes of dates of the arrival and dispatch of letters, Jan. 23 to May 14. Endorsed "Feigned addresses." [*French*, 1½ pages.]

May 14.
Westminster.

91. Pass for George Jolliffe to go to Breda to represent the English East India Company at the treaty of peace there to be entered into. [*Latin*. *Draft*.]

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92. Another draft of the above [by Williamson].

May 14.

93. John Allen to Lord [Arlington]. Three years ago, Domingo Grillo and Ambrosio Lomoline, residents in Madrid, contracted with the Royal Company for blacks to be delivered at the Plantations, Barbadoes and Jamaica, and Alex. Bence and John Reid hired for them two ships in England; but as there would be danger if the court of Spain knew that the ships' contracts were made with English, the freight was to be paid to a Spaniard, who assigned it to George Wallis, of Cadiz, for the use of the contractors in England. The Grillos should pay the freight every four months, but they have paid nothing yet. Is greatly prejudiced in credit thereby, and begs a letter to the ambassador at Madrid, or if needful, to the Queen Regent of Spain, for assistance in demanding the money.

May 14.

The King to the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer. Part of the site of the late monastery of Reading, co. Berks, granted on lease to Sir Thomas Clarges, being wanted for the King's stables, a surrender of the said lease is to be prepared, and a new lease made, granting the remainder of the land for 50 years instead of 25, as consideration for the surrender of the rest. [*Ent. Book* 17, p. 240.]

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94. Draft of the above. [1½ pages.]

May 14.

Order for a warrant to pay to Sir Robert Long 500*l.* for the extra pains of himself and clerks in registering and directing orders on the Act of additional aid of 1,250,000*l.*; the same to be paid out of the first month of the 11 months' tax. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 451.]

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May 14. Order for a warrant to the Commissioners of Customs for the port of London to pay to Dame Barbara Villiers, for the remainder of 21 years beginning Aug. 1660, 600*l.* a year out of the customs on wines set aside for the use of the Mint; this is to be in lieu of the allowance of 2*d.* in a pound Troy of silver money coined, granted her 20 Aug. 1660; if the said fund be not sufficient for paying the 600*l.* order for a warrant to the Officers of Exchequer to pay the remainder from the Exchequer. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 453-7.*]
- May 14. Pardon for John Bubb, condemned for murder of Charles Edwards. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 460.*]
- May 14. Pass, at request of merchants of London, for the Ann ketch to go Whitehall. to Jamaica and return. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 11.*]
- May 14. Pass for the Bridget ketch, belonging to London merchants, to Jamaica and back. Minute. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 11*b*.*]
- May 14. Warrant for a grant to John Pattison of pardon for barrettry, of which he was convicted at Cambridge assizes, 1665, and has suffered pillory, 100 marks fine, and imprisonment, and also for raising an old writ and using it as a subpoena. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 11*b*.*]
- May 14. Warrant to Lord Ashley, treasurer of prizes, to pay to Hugh May, Whitshall. paymaster of the works, 2,400*l.* from prize money, for building a brick wall about the new enclosure of St James' Park. [*Ent. Book 26, p. 9.*]
- May 15. Warrant to Lord Ashley, Lord Treas. Southampton being dangerously ill, to order Sir George Carteret, Navy treasurer, to deliver to Sir Rob. Vyner, Bart., tallies on the hearth-money for 40,000*l.* and on the Farmers of Customs for 20,000*l.* in repayment of moneys lent by the said Sir Robert for the use of the Navy. [*Ent. Book 26, p. 9.*]
- May 15. 95. John Pocock to James Hickes. Thanks for Mr. Williamson's Weymouth. letters.
- May 15. 96. Navy Comrs. to Lord Arlington. Have made out, from a list Navy Office. of pensioners on the chest at Chatham needing greatest charity, another containing statements of the hurt of each person, the time and place of the hurt, and the sum he now receives. It will greatly relieve others if these be placed in vacancies in hospitals, as their pensions can then be divided amongst the rest. *Encloses.*
96. 1. *List of 47 pensioners as described, with value of their pensions, being from 15*l.* to 7*l.* [2 pages.]*
- May 15. 97. John Lysle to Williamson. The Fortune of Dantzic, laden West Cowes. with linen and paper for English merchants, has arrived from Morlaix, and brings word that the French army has entered Flanders, but that most of their fleet is still at Brest. A small French prize, laden with wine, olive, &c., taken by the Swallow,

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staying two days at Spithead, is half unladen. Is sorry to see the King suffer in things of such a nature, and would mend it were he in a capacity so to do.

May 15.
Bristol.

98. Jo. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. A vessel from Cadiz brought word that she left there five or six weeks past, with Capt. Kempthorne, but was separated by a storm from his fleet; this much frightens the Bristol merchants, as nothing has been heard of that fleet for many days; since then 6 vessels have come in from Malaga, which came with Kempthorne, with 8 men-of-war for convoy; there were 70 or 80 merchant ships, but several are left behind, especially the Dolphin, a considerable ship of Bristol. The St. David in King Road will soon be ready, being manned from ships in harbour; 4 frigates are left behind, to convoy 6 vessels named, which are not yet ready. [2 pages.]

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99. Jo. Cook to Williamson. Sends letters put into Sec. Morice's hands, which are on a business belonging to Lord Arlington's province. The ambassadors of Breda want copies of such letters as have been received from the States general about this treaty, with the answers, which are to be sent next post.

May 15.
Yarmouth.

100. W. B. to Williamson. A Flemish galliot has chased and fired a Yarmouth hoy, which had been to fetch the Victory's anchor and cable; the same galliot and a sloop met the light fleet, but were chased off by the Guinea. The Hull fleet and some light colliers are waiting a wind.

May 15.
Falmouth.

101. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. Capt. Hooker has brought in two French prizes laden with rye.

May 15.
Falmouth.

102. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding, and his letter to Hickey of May 11. [1½ pages.]

May 15.
Pembroke.

103. Fras. Malory to James Hickey. The Richmond is conveying some colliers to Ireland. The Garland waits a wind to carry vessels for Plymouth.

May 15.

104. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

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105. Sir Ro. Langley to Williamson. Being ordered by Lord Arlington to name the party to whom the warrant is to be granted, names Wm. Bristow.

May 15.

106. "Advices," being notes from letters all calendared above.

May 15.
Kingston-upon-
Hull.

107. Thos. Pointer to Sam. Pepys. Went to York to speak with the deputy receiver, but he was in London. Hears that there was money left in the collector's hands, designed for payment of the ships at Hull. Will observe Sir George Carteret's directions therein. Arrival and departure of ships. No Dutch men-of-war are upon the coast. An Ostender reports that there is a cessation between the Spaniards and French for three months. [Adm. Paper.]

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May 15. 108. Capt. Jas. Sharland to the Navy Comrs. Has obtained
The Mary. another cable, made at Liverpool by Wm. Bushell, value 43*l*. 16*s*. 7*d*.,
for which he desires them to accept a bill enclosed. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 15. 109. John Cox and J. Uthwat to the Navy Comrs. Have mea-
Deptford. sured the small slip of ground desired by Master Evelyn out of
the Brick Close. Think it may be spared without prejudice to
the yard, and as set out, be much more uniform to the rest, and save
a considerable part of the walling, it going now upon a straight
line. Give the dimensions, which differed two or three feet from
Mr. Evelyn's estimate. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 15. 110. Comr. Peter Pett to the Navy Comrs. The sad cries of the
Chatham. poor men for want of their money being so great, desires assistance
in procuring their pay. Is much in want of timber and plank, and
must discharge many men if it come not suddenly. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Encloses,
110. I. *Petition of the Shipwrights and Workmen employed in
the yard at Chatham to Comr. Peter Pett, to move in
their behalf for the speedy supply of wages, without
which many of them and their families will perish for
want, having above one year's pay due; no one will
now supply them on credit, and they have no provisions.*
- May 15. 111. T. Hayter to Wm. Barbour, Ticket office. Asks the name
Navy Office. and particulars of the surgeon of the John and Abigail in 1665.
With note in reply, by Barbour, that by the books of the John and
Abigail, he finds the surgeon's name was Rich. Plewe, and that he
served from 11 March to 12 Dec. 1665. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 15. 112. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comrs. Repairs of ships.
Woolwich. Is providing stuff for a mast and reed house in the dock-
yard, but wants house carpenters, none being to be had unless
pressed. Has received some very good East country plank from
Capt. Cox. Thos. Sawell, of Poplar, has supplied 22,500 reed
wedges, for which he requires a bill, and the workmen want their
pay. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 15. 113. Sir Jer. Smith to the Navy Comrs. The Guernsey and
Hull. Hampshire lost some of their masts. Has sent the former to
Newcastle to be refitted, there being no masts large enough in Hull.
Has directed Capt. Bridgman to take any masts he can find, and to
agree with the owners to charge them by bill upon their honours.
Asks for stores, especially cordage, by some of the colliers. The
seamen begin to murmur, and think the money too long coming. Is
forced to be often amongst them, and it is as much as he can do
to keep them quiet. Appointed by the Duke of York's authority
a muster master for the squadron, of whose ability and fidelity
he has good assurance, but the Comrs. have now sent one; asks
whether both shall be continued, to muster the ships at Hull, New-
castle, and Scotland, or only one. There being no master of attend-

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ance, has made use of Matthew Hutchinson, an ancient master of the Trinity House, and desires he may have some allowance for his care and pains in bringing ships aground to be cleaned. Has brought the Swallow six times near to the graving place, but could not lie her to it. The Guernsey and Hardereen have arrived. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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114. Certificate by Jno. Cox that the boatswain of the Diamond frigate delivered an anchor taken out of the Bull, into the dockyard at Chatham. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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May 16.
Deptford.

1. John Cox and J. Uthwat to the Navy Comrs. Report how far Wm. Harrington has failed to fulfil his contract to supply the stores with oars. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

1. 1. *Thos. Harper to Mr. Turner. Cannot comply with the warrant for sending oars of 15 and 16 feet to Chatham, as Mr. Harrington's oars are only 14 and 14½ feet, and are not yet received into store. Asks for a supply of tar. With note that the warrant for Chatham is to be answered out of the oars of 14 and 14½ feet. 11 May, 1667.*

May 16.
Aldersburgh.

2. Rich. Browne to Williamson. A Harwich dogger arrived from Scotland has seen no men-of-war, French nor English.

May 16.
Portsmouth.

3. John Telford, master of the [Charles], to John Porter, merchant, Tower Hill, London. Intended to have sailed, but the officers of a fire-ship came aboard and took his men, quite disabling him from bringing the ship up; if he has not a stronger order and more men, will lose the ship too, which is leaky and has none to look after her. If he hear nothing, must come up to London. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 16.
Portsmouth.

4. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Capt. Kempthorne's squadron is ordered to Plymouth to victual. Sir Rob. Holmes remains at Portsmouth, and does good service by sending vessels to cruise between there and the coast of France. Capt. Kempthorne's merchant ships have gone for the Downs, with three convoys. The fortifications go on vigorously.

May 16.
Portsmouth.

5. Sir Robt. Holmes to Williamson. Will do the business, but hopes not to need more than two expresses a week. Has stayed the convoy with the merchantmen from the Straits and Portugal, to wait for an East Indiaman, delayed at Cowes because the men-of-war pressed some of her men. Heard nothing of it till informed by Sir Wm. Coventry. Four frigates are cruising between Portsmouth and the coast of France.

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May 16. Harwich. 6. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The galliot hoy has brought in a small Holland privateer and two prizes which she had taken. The maps are now detained by cross winds; hopes they may do the writer service with the King and Duke.
- May 16. Harwich. 7. Fms. Newby to James Hickes. The Jeremiah galliot has brought in a Dutch caper, and two other vessels taken by her, one laden with fullers' earth, the other with ballast for Newcastle.
- May 16. Whitby. 8. Thos. Waude to Williamson. A Hamburg hoy has met 40 Holland men-of-war beyond the Dogger Sands. Sir Jer. Smith, with nine colliers, has gone southward.
- May 16. Deal. 9. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The great report of the Dutch coming in time of treaty has startled the weaker sort. Through care of Col. Titus, governor of Deal Castle, the castles and trained companies are ready to receive them. Notices of vessels.
- May 16. London. 10. M. Verbecq to Williamson. Forwards him a letter from Deverel Bonjolly. [*French.*]
- May 16. London. 11. John Burekhard to the King. Informs him of a fleet of 20 or 30 ships, under a Hamburg convoy, laden with contraband silver for Holland merchants, and other enemies of His Majesty, which is expected to pass through the Channel; suggests that it should be visited and strictly searched, especially the convoy vessel. Has other illicit things to reveal to His Majesty and Prince Rapert, about the Hamburg merchants. [*Spanish, 2 pages.*] *Annezing,*
11. 1. *Names and description of four of the above ships.*
- May 16. Licence for the ship James to Barbadoes and back, at request of merchants of London. Minute. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 12.*]
- May 16. Licence for the ship Amity, belonging to London merchants, to go to Barbadoes and back. Minute. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 12.*]
- May 17. Newcastle. 12. Rich. Forster to Williamson. There have come in 50 vessels from London, and seen no enemy. Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron, under Capt. Wetwyng, is very vigilant and much encourages trade; 400 sail of colliers are in port.
- May 17. 13. "Advices," being memoranda from letters all calendared above. [*1½ pages.*]
- May 17. 14. Sir Philip Frowde to Williamson. Sends news from Brussels that, though the King of France swore to observe the peace and not assist the Duke of Braganza, he is ready to march from Arras with a splendid army; had he come in the beginning of the month, he had taken the best towns in [Flanders], but they are now well furnished; it is reported that 4,000 English will come there, though from France it is reported that the Duke of Monmouth and some other English cavaliers are going thither. News from Spain; Charleroy was blown up yesterday. Had they known of the war three months ago, they had not feared the French with all their bravery. [*1½ pages.*]

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May 17. 15. John Smith to Williamson. There is a rumour of a great
Margate. fleet of Dutch and French ships coming, and the wind is fair for
them; the coast is put in a posture of defence, and the trained
hands mustered. Will be obliged to come to London again to see
Squire Evelyn, as neither Mr. Bullock nor Mr. Talbor will take the
writer's accounts for curing the sick and wounded, and he can get
no satisfaction.
- May 17. 16. H. Howard, of Norfolk, to Williamson. Begs Lord Arling-
ton's favour for release of Hugh Pyers, a poor apothecary, an honest
fool, who is not disaffected, but has prattled idly to a malicious in-
former, whom he thought an honest friend. Has had his petition
many days in his pocket, and his poor wife is ill and almost dis-
tracted. The lord mayor, to whom the complaint was first made,
is abundantly satisfied, and wishes his release.
- May 17. 17. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Asks whether to return the
Plymouth Fort. letters which were too late for the Barbadoes ships; six frigates
have sailed, to ply between Cape Clear and the Black Rock.
- May 17. 18. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. Wm. Martin, gunner of the
Plymouth. Sorlings, is condemned by a court martial for striking his captain,
but time given him to see if the King will save his life. Departure
of ships.
- May 17. 19. John Clarke to Williamson. The gunner of the Sorlings is
Plymouth. condemned to die for striking his captain, but having good friends,
it is hoped that his pardon will be procured.
- May 17. 20. John Clarke to James Hickey. To the same effect.
- May 17. 21. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Nine frigates have re-
Hull. turned into the Humber, having cruised as far as Whitby and seen
no enemy; two have lost masts. Sir Jeremy [Smith] has gone
down the Humber. A vessel for Norway met 40 Hollanders with
four men-of-war on the Dogger, going to load at Norway, and two
ships laden for the East Indies, which will go about Scotland. With
a letter of the 15th, left behind last post, containing notices of
vessels in the Humber, &c. [2 pages.]
- May 17. Commission for Thos. Morley to be ensign to Capt. Farr's com-
pany. Minute. [Ent. Book 20, p. 143a.]
- May ? 22. Noto that on Aug. 15, 1666, 360*l*. was paid to John Kirk,
receiver and paymaster of the band of gentleman pensioners, for the
Earl of Cleveland, for a year's wages as captain of the band, and
that 270*l*. remains due for three quarters at Michaelmas 1667.
Endorsed "E. Cleveland's arrears."
- May 17. Order for a warrant to pay 270*l*., arrears of wages and board-
wages due to Thos. late Earl of Cleveland for three quarters of a
year, ended March 1667, as captain of the gentleman pensioners, for
the expenses of his funeral, &c. [Ent. Book 23, p. 452.]
- [May 17.] 23. Draft of the above.

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May 17. Licence for Thos. Bland, merchant of London, to transport two nags into Flanders, for the use of John Hamilton, merchant at Ypres. Minute. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 11 b.*]
- May 17. Licence for the ship *St. Antonio* of Genoa, bringing salt from Rochelle to Weymouth, to land it, on petition of Solomon Andrews and Walter Tucker, of Lyme Regis, stating that the said salt is in exchange for English draperies sent into France, and is very much needed in the West of England. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 136.*]
- May 17. 24. Capt. Rich. Teate to the Navy Comrs. Has been ready to
The Fricland, sail with the convoys these five days, but could not get out. Will
Rye. sail the first opportunity, with all the rest of the fleet laden with
guns and shot. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 17. 25. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Departure of three ships
Plymouth. named for Ireland, to convoy the *East India* ship that is there; four
others are in the Sound, attending Sir Thos. Allin's orders; will send
the several accounts as soon as they are dispatched. Asks for an
order as to petty warrant. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 17. 26. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. The *Delph* has 130
men, which by their discharge may be a help to manning other ships
named. If strict musters were now taken, and the books kept in
the office, it would prevent much abuse of pursers in victuals and
tickets. The commanders now all profess want of men, which
hereafter will be forgotten, and the books be filled up to the King's
loss. If Mr. Carkuse attend to offer security, the messenger should
suspend execution of the warrant for his apprehension. [*Adm.
Paper.*]
- May 18. 27. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Desires them to
send another master to the Richmond, if they see cause, and notice
to the commander what addition there is to be to the ship's com-
pany. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*
27. L. Capt. Amos Beare to Sir Wm. Coventry. Rescued a
*small bark laden with malt from Waterford, and taken
by a French man-of-war of four guns. Lost his main-
mast and was forced into Milford, and delivered the
vessel and eight Dutchmen to Sir John Knight's agent.
Asks to be eased of his master; the whole of the company
and the magistrate of Kinsale can attest his being a
drunkard. At his coming down to go on board, he had
got 100 people about him. Desires 10 or 20 more men.
The Richmond, Milford, May 9, 1667.*
- May 18. 28. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. The Earl of Carlisle
and Lord Widdrington have obtained leave to buy the *White
Fortune*, lying at Deptford. Asks whether she will be of any further
use to the Navy, and also an account of what charge has been
bestowed upon her, that if sold, the Navy may be reimbursed.
[*Adm. Paper.*]

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May 18. 29. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of seven ships
Portsmouth. named. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 18. 30. Rich. Elkin to Sam. Pepys. Sends an account of petty
Gravesend. warrants. Only the Monmouth remains in the Hope. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 18. 31. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. No ships have been
Ipswich. victualled since his last. The Jeremy galliot, with a prize of 100 guns, came into Harwich, and part of the prisoners are secured till they can be sent to Sudbury. Particulars of a survey made of provisions, some defective, from the Friesland; the agent will not act without an order from Squire Gauden. The Little Victory is arrived in the Rolling Ground, having convoyed 14 merchantmen to the Nore; she is ordered to take in three months' provisions, and to go with all speed to her station at Hull. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 18. 32. Capt Rich. Rooth to the Navy Comrs. Arrival of stores for
Bristol. the St. David; hopes to get in the rest next week. Asks payment of arrears due to himself and others, for services in the Dartmouth; the money designed for payment of them fell short by 550*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*
32. 1. *Two certificates by Henry Maidman that 400*l.* is due to Capt. Rooth and his men, and 30*l.* to each of five officers named, for wages, &c., in the Dartmouth.* [*Copy.*]
May 13 and 15, 1667.
- May 18. 33. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Will supply what is
Bristol. wanting for the St. David, and has ordered the sails for her long boat and pinnace. Particulars of works on the Dartmouth. Has been much troubled with the workmen, who resolved not to work a stroke more till they were paid. Mr. Knight on behalf of his father, Sir John Knight, desired him to induce the men to work one week more, and he would pay them the next; at last, though with much ado, persuaded them, which they performed very handsomely. To-night they came all in a body and demanded their money of Sir John Knight, who could not pay them, and desired them to be content till money came down, but the more persuasion was used, the more they were enraged. Sir John offered them 20*l.* among them, but they would not hear of that. Strained a friend for 50*l.* and paid them, which begat a calm. Asks a speedy supply of money, that the clamours continually about his ears may be at an end. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]
- May 18. 34. Sir John Knight to the Navy Comrs. Shall do what in him
Bristol. lies to keep the carpenters at work until they have completed the Dartmouth frigate. Hopes the stores for the St. David and Harp will be speedily there, or the growing charge will far exceed the value of the stores; they could have been bought cheaper in Bristol, and been sooner ready; the freight is a great loss. Particulars of anchors, grapnels, and cables arrived; some of the former will do for the two third-rate frigates now building, if so ordered. The pitch

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is laden on the ammunition ships. The carpenters have been clamouring for money; Mr. Furzer has promised to pacify them till next week, against which time hopes they will order some money to pay them. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 18.
Edinburgh.

35. Rob. Mein to Williamson. Two more prizes were brought in yesterday. Four of the King's ships have come in to Leith, after a cruise on all the north coast to Norway, and not meeting with one enemy.

May 18.
Harwich.

36. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Little Victory, having discharged at the Gunfleet 16 or 17 ships from the Humber, laden with corn and lead from London, has returned to her station in the Humber; she reports the coasts tolerably clear. Capt. Freary dispatched his Dutch prisoners, but before reaching Ipswich, they forced the boat to the shore and ran away.

May 18.
Boston.

37. Robt. Gray to Sir Philip Frowde. Coals are at an extraordinary price. A caper has taken three colliers coming in laden, near Freiston, which is a common harbour. The fishermen dare not go out to sea, or they are frightened back by capers.

May 18.
S. A. M.
Aldborough.

38. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Notices of vessels. The Dutch men-of-war on the back of Yarmouth Sands hinder the fishermen from catching mackerel, though they have two men-of-war for convoy. Some Dutch men-of-war have put Comr. Taylor's hoy ashore about Yarmouth.

May 18.
York.

39. John Mascall to Williamson. There have been 18 men-of-war, 4 of them flag ships, 2 galliot hoys, and 2 doggers espied off Sunderland; 40 men-of-war are said to be beyond the Dogger Sands. Capt. Wm. Leving, formerly prisoner in the Tower, has been brought in prisoner as a highwayman to York Castle; in his pocket was found his warrant for passing on the King's affairs.

May 18.
Newcastle.

40. Rich. Forster to James Hickey. There are 400 colliers in harbour, some of which have lain long, and are hard put to it to get money to maintain their men.

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41. List of 113 Newcastle coasters for the week ending May 18, 1667.

May 18.
Pembroke.

42. Fras. Malory to Williamson. The Garland has sailed for Plymouth, with 20 laden colliers; 70 porpoises of good size have been caught in Laugharne River, 16 miles off, and will be of value, yielding abundance of oil; few or none have been seen in the river before.

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43. Fras. Malory to James Hickey. To the same effect.

May 18.
Bridlington.

44. John Bower to James Hickey. The Kent and Amity, which landed the ambassadors at Flushing, have returned and met no enemy. Sir Jeremiah Smith has ordered both the frigates to sail for Leith. The common talk is of peace.

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May 19. 45. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. A rich East India com-
Portsmouth. pany's ship has arrived, which was some time at Cowes. The three
frigates which were to convoy Rear-Admiral Kempthorne's merchant
ships are ordered westward, to make up the squadron. The ships
continue cruising near the coast of France, and the fortifications go
on apace.
- May 19. 46. Sir Robt. Holmes to [Williamson]. The coach has arrived ;
Portsmouth. hears nothing of the other things belonging to Sir Bernard
Gascoigne, and no ships are going that way till there be a westerly
wind, and some account of the Dutch fleet ; will send the things to
Williamson the first opportunity. Three bundles of mats for Lord
Arlington shall be sent in the waggon. Presuming on the order for
250 tons of timber from the New Forest, which has since been
countermanded through the Ordnance Officers, bought 150 tons of
timber with his own money, to go on with the repairs at Sandham
Fort ; this is all used, and some part of the fort is down, which
cannot be repaired for want of timber ; begs the order for timber, or
the work done will be to little purpose. The French fleet, of 60
men-of-war, fire-ships, and merchantmen, is said to be at St. Martin's,
and no talk of their sailing ; 40 Dutch men-of-war are in the
Texel. Wants Lord Arlington's reply about the loan of a prize.
[2 pages.]
- May 19. 47. Col. Anth. Gilby to Williamson. Finds on his return to
Hull a letter from Amsterdam, of May 18, stating that the treaty
at Breda begins, but that the Dutch make great preparations for
war ; that 80 men-of-war, most of them between 50 and 90 guns,
will put to sea in eight days, and lie on the English coast ; that the
French King has declared war against the Spaniards, and that the
States general have refused in a very high manner his requests to
stand neuter, and to allow 10,000 men to pass through their country,
to assist against the Spaniards. [2 pages.]
- May 19. 48. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. The Drako has come in, to
Falmouth. convoy the two French salt prizes brought in by the Constant
Warwick. The Henrietta and Monk are there, bound for the
westward.
- May 19. 49. M. Scott to Williamson. Sends a letter from a Scottish
Berwick. gentleman.
- May 19. 50. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. A French vessel, with the
Plymouth Fort. Duke of York's pass, has brought over 10 Englishmen and four
women ; she is laden with goods on English merchants' accounts ;
she says that they do not keep any English prisoners in France.
Asks what to do with the cloth in his custody.
- May 19. 51. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Through Sir Thos. Allin's vigilant
Plymouth. care in ordering the frigates to proper stations, no damage has been
done lately by capers. The Greenwich frigate is sent to Ireland for
the East India ship, and five or six others to meet the Barbadoes

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and Virginian fleets; some cruise between the Land's End and Scilly, and the rest in the Channel secure trade and annoy the enemy. A small French vessel from Morlaix, laden with linen and paper, has brought over 10 English prisoners. The East coast is reported clear of capers.

- May 19. 52. Sir Thos. Allin to the Navy Comrs. The Victory prize, which goes by the name of the Little Victory, was allowed 140 men at Harwich, by order of Comr. Taylor, and victualled for that number, but has since been reduced to 100, which is too few for so great a ship having 36 guns. Gave a warrant for 20 more, but this is too few; the mistake may be in the clerks; asks what to do for the future. Fears some of the ships must lay up for want of stores. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 20. 53. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Desires them to send the Ordnance Comrs. an account of the number of men allowed to the Crown Malaga, of the time when she was on their charge, and of the whole charge incurred on their account. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 20. 54. Phin. Pett, master shipwright, to the Navy Comrs. Asks for Chatham. 20 calkers and 8 oakum boys, without whom the work on the Prince Royal and other ships cannot be performed before the winter season. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 20. 55. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. The Black Dog has taken Edwinstow. in 39 and the Adam and Eve 36 loads of timber, to be delivered at Deptford; asks for more vessels to fetch timber. The ketch is built; is going to Hull to get her a mast and sail. Sent 40 loads of timber to Hull, and asks for a vessel to fetch it thence; can send more if she can carry more. [*Adm. Paper.*] Encloses,
55. 1. *Account by John Russell of 75 loads of timber from Sherwood, shipped at Stockwith on the Black Dog and Adam and Eve, for delivery at Deptford dockyard.*
- May 11, 1667.
- May 20. 56. Sir Jer. Smith to the Navy Comrs. Want of masts, sails, Hull. cables, &c. Has been forced to cut the stream cables of ships named for vials, and to buy cordage, wherein he has given his own engagement. Unless care be taken for sending the money for discharging it and paying Mr. Blaydes, knows not what course to take; there is much work to do, and no one willing to give any more credit; after so many promises, sees small hopes of money. The ships come out of the river very much unprovided; if any things were delivered, they are conveyed or converted to other uses, which must be examined into. It will be a work of much difficulty to persuade the seamen to stir before they have their pay. The Robert fire-ship came aground on Yarmouth Sands; sails required. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 20. 57. Jo. Allen to Lord Arlington. Has spent money and time in making observations, according to his lordship's special commands,

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and done some considerable things; has now something important to offer, but wants present payment, and directions how to act in future.

May 20.
Whitehall.

58. Sir R. Murray to Williamson. Wants a pass to France from Lord Arlington, for Wm. Terrier, servant to a dear friend of his in Languedoc.

May 20.
Trevor.

59. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Frigates now and then meet with prizes; supposes he has an account of them from the places where they are brought into harbour.

May 20.
Pendennis.

60. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Arrival of vessels. The Henrietta has come in to get men; she wants many of her complement.

May 20.
Letter Office.

61. James Hickes to Williamson. Sends a copy of what he wrote to Sir John Bennet, about things to be put in practice at Lord [Arlington's] entrance [into the post office]; begs to be excused if he is troublesome; does it for his lordship's honour and interest.

May 20.
Lynn.

62. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. The bay is again infested with privateers; a sloop has fired a small bark laden with corn, in Brancaster Haven, put two colliers ashore, and carried away a third. The North coast is well guarded, by order of Sir Jeremy Smith from Hull.

May 20.
Minehead.

63. John Maurice to James Hickes. Is sure his letters have not been opened by the Taunton foot-post; will report it if they should be opened or sealed with a contrary seal. A dozen small barks went from Ireland to fetch more bullocks and sheep; supposes they intend to continue carrying cattle as formerly, till the meeting of Parliament; the King will lose 3,000*l.* or 4,000*l.* in the customs by this Act.

May 20.
5 P.M.,
Aldborough.

64. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Notices of vessels; a privateer and some pickeroons have appeared, but vanished.

May 20.
Yarmouth.

65. Rich. Bower to Williamson. A ketch in Burnham Haven, laden with corn, was fired by a caper; the men got ashore, but returned when the enemy left, and put out the fire; the damage is 50*l.* A galliot hoy chased a fleet of colliers off Cromer, but spying a frigate near, left them.

May 20.
Weymouth.

66. John Pocock to James Hickes. Thanks for his letter.

May 20.
Dover.

67. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Williamson. Forwards a letter from Benj. Glanville. The vessel with Lady Temple's coach has arrived; will send her servant with the coach and a guide to Knowlton, to Sir Thos. Peyton's, as her ladyship directs. Begs consideration for his great losses in the packet boat service, and in import and export of prisoners; also for the hazard of his life during the contagion, in receiving letters and packets from all parts of Christendom, sent

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1667. under cover to him; this was not his duty, but done to serve King and country; his vessels have often been much plundered by the French taking away colours and small tackle and provisions.
- May 20. The King to Lord Ashley. Understands that Edward Wardour, clerk of the pells in the Exchequer, has arrested Roger Sayer, serjeant of the bakehouse, without leave first asked of the Board of Greencloth, and has contemptuously refused to obey the summons of the Board. Wishes to make an example of so open an insolence, and therefore orders the suspension of the said Wardour from his office, during pleasure. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 459.*]
- May 21. Licence for the ship Robert, [laden] on account of London merchants, to go to Barbadoes and back. Minute. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 12.*]
- May 21. 68. John Clarke to James Hickey. Arrival of vessels. Several frigates are sent out to cruise to the westward.
- May 21. 69. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.
- May 21. 70. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Twelve merchant ships have sailed under convoy for London, three of them laden with tin. The Ann which carried the Swedish ambassadors to Breda has returned. Some prisoners from Rochelle affirm that Beaufort with his whole fleet sailed on the 10th instant, intending to cruise in the Channel.
- May 21. 71. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Proceedings of the French in Flanders. The custom-house shallop has been sent express to Portsmouth, to stop the fleet convoyed by Capt. Kemphorne, because of a noise of the Dutch fleet's coming out. Urges the payment of his salary.
- May 21. 72. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Particulars of vessels. Hall. Sir Jeremy [Smith] is going to sea, the first fair wind; with the men-of-war in the Humber. He suffers no captain to come ashore, but goes or sends to them, if he has any business.
- May 21. 73. John Man to Williamson. Has no news. Cowbridge.
- May 21. 74. John Smith to Williamson. Has heard of no Dutch nor French men-of-war on the coast; the fishermen have not been molested, but have caught small store of mackerel, on account of the bad weather; the trained bands of the Isle of Thanet have been mustered, Margate.
- May 21. 75. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The laden colliers still remain; Newcastle. some have stayed so long that the charge of their provisions has cost more than their coals; all Newcastle ships are laid up, and will fetch no more coal till it is at a higher price.
- May 21. 76. Statement by Sir Wm. Swan to the Navy Comrs. He and his ancestors have been at a great charge for making and repairing the wharf at Greenhithe used to supply the Navy with ballast; this

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wharf furnished the ships without any exception until December last, when Mr. [George] Bowerman obtained an order for ballasting the King's ships at Greenwich. Desires they will order the master of attendance at Chatham, notwithstanding their former order to Bowerman, to ballast with him as formerly, he undertaking to provide water carriage until the matter is determined; hopes this will appear reasonable, as no money has been paid him for more than three years. Will agree for water carriage and ballast at a certain price, which will be found cheaper, better, and more certain. With a note that the paper was read May 21, and to be reheard, both parties being present, June 4, 1667. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

May 21.
Harwich.

77. Ant. Deane to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of a new ship building. The only stay of the works will be for want of a carver; desires one to be sent with speed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 21.
Harwich.

78. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Eagle has brought in the Guernsey to be refitted with masts, by order of Sir Jeremy Smith. They saw a caper off Yarmouth, but she made off.

May 21.
Hull.

79. Sir Jer. Smith to the Navy Comrs. Wishes the sails and cordage were there. Has procured as much as Hull can furnish, for payment whereof his and Mr. Blaydes' credit lies at stake. Sees all the stores put on board, to prevent fraud. Has sent the Guernsey to be refitted at Harwich. On a report that the Dutch fleet is in Southwold Bay, sent an express to Tynemouth to stop the colliers there and at Sunderland. The Kent and Amity sailed for the Humber, the latter being very leaky. The beer has not come, and there is not water enough. Intends setting forth to sea with the first opportunity, if he can persuade the seamen to weigh anchor without their pay, which he very much doubts. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 21.
Chatham.

80. Edw. Gregory to Sam Pepys. Sends an abstract of warrants issued; observations thereon; the large encrease on the Monmouth is because 61 men have entered between musters, most of whom were pressed at London by the dogger that attends her. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 21.
The Milkmaid,
Kinsale.

81. Thos. Stollard, master, to the Navy Comrs. Asks to whom to deliver the stores, as no one has an order to receive them; also where he is to go after they are delivered. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 21.
Deptford.

82. John Cox and J. Uthwat to the Navy Comrs. Particulars and valuation of the works performed on, and goods supplied to the White Fortune fly boat, amounting to 340*l.* 9*s.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 21.

83. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Several of the King's small vessels put into Weymouth, and sometimes want victuals, and although victuals are provided there, the victualler's agent will not deliver any without orders, which it would lose much time to obtain. Desires that ships calling there may have what they require without order; they may limit the number of days, and agree

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from whose hands the agent is to take his discharge. The Happy Return is appointed to carry the Portugal ambassador into Holland, and the Success to convoy the vessel with stores westward; they should be first paid and dispatched. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 21.
Vicuallling
Office.

84. Certificate by Thos. Lewis, that Constance, relict of Francis Walsall, late purser of the Royal Sovereign, has cleared her husband's account between 9th Aug. and 31 Dec. 1665. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 22.
The Princess.

85. Certificate by Lieut. Rowland Dolben and eight other Officers of the Princess to the Navy Comrs, that in the fight with two Danish men-of-war on the coast of Norway, on the 17th instant, after the captain, master, and pilot were slain, and the lieutenant wounded, Rich. Leake, gunner, commanded the ship for four hours, and behaved very courageously and prudently, fighting the Danes within pistol shot until 8 p.m.; when they both ran away, and would not come out in the morning, although challenged, and having the advantage of wind and current; also request for recommendation and preferment for him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 22.
Bristol.

86. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. The Dartmouth is in a position to do service. Asks instruction as to sails and canvas sent from London, and as to stores required by the officers of the St. David. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 22.
Mary yacht,
Holyhead.

87. Capt. Jas. Sharland to the Navy Comrs. Sends a book of the entries and discharges of men. Asks that the free gift and imprest money due to his surgeon, Rich. Doggett, may be received by their attendant there, Mr. Marlow, for his use. One Symes was the surgeon before him, but had nothing allowed. Requires new sails for his pleasure boat. The new cable is not done; cannot get credit at Holyhead or at Liverpool, because Mr. Bushell's bill, is not paid for the two former cables. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

87. 1. Memorandum of the dimensions of the sails required for the Mary yacht.

May 22.
Hull.

88. Abra. Parker, muster master of Sir Jer. Smith's squadron, to the Navy Comrs. Account of the muster of 17 ships named. On receipt of the pursers' books, shall make another muster, and send up perfect books from the beginning of the voyage. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 22.

89. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Thinks some extracts from letters sent to him are fitting for their consideration. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

89. 1. Extracts of letters received 22 May:

Capt. Rooth. The St. David only wants some stores expected by sea from London. His Royal Highness recommends their being provided at Bristol, or sent by land, that the ship may not stay for them; and that as Capt. Rooth and others, at the paying of the Dartmouth, were left unpaid by the money falling short, they may be paid at Bristol or at London.

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Sir Jer. Smith. To the same effect as his letter of May 20, No. 55. supra.

Sir Thos. Allin. The commanders of the Daniel, Sarah, and Charles fire-ships complain that they are turned out in a miserable condition, and if a gale of wind happen, all would fly like dirt, being so old; it would be worth enquiring whether they have not put up old stuff instead of new. [1½ pages.]

May 22. 90. Thos. Eastwood to the Navy Comrs. Asks for payment of
Per. mouth. the last account for felling and hewing timber in the New Forest; it is a very poor place without money, and the business likely to suffer for want thereof. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 22. 91. Sir Jer. Smith to the Navy Comrs. Asks for the stoppage
The Moonmouth, of the tickets of four men named, who ran away from the Falcon, to
Grimsby Road. which they were transported, and for their apprehension as an example to others. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 22. Grant to Aubrey Earl of Oxford of the office of Warden of the
New Forest, co. Hants. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 460.*]

May 22. Warrant for a grant to Sir Ralph Bovey, Bart., of the holding of
a weekly market and two yearly fairs at Caxton, co. Cambridge.
[*Ent. Book 25, p. 12 b.*]

May 22. Warrant confirming an assignation by the Duke of Albemarle,
master of the horse, of 500*l.* due to Alex. Holt, garnitor of the
Mews, for oats, &c., to John Annand, to whom Holt owes the same;
with warrants to the avenar and cofferer to pay the said 500*l.* out
of moneys due to the said Holt. [*Ent. Book 26, p. 9b.*]

May 22. 92. Wm. Johnson to Thos. Gardiner, controller of the post office,
Leeds. London. Gives the names of four carriers who keep their respective
weeks, to come to London on Wednesday and leave on Friday; they
prejudice the office, and keep up a dangerous correspondence amongst
the fanatics. There have been several robberies about Leeds lately.
Leving, one of the thieves, is taken and is in York Castle; Freer,
another, has gone to London, and been several times with Lord
Arlington. Thinks he may be found at Ward's house; supposes 10*l.*
will be given to any one who takes him. *Encloses,*

92. I. W. Freer to Leving, at Mr. Ward's, Millbank, Westminster.
*Advises him to come when the watch returns this journey. Will receive him at his mother's, but only one must come to Leeds, the rest may stay at Wakefield or near. Has routed Will and his wife out of the house. This imprisonment has cost him 20*l.* Leeds, May 1667.*

May ? 93. Secretary's warrant to a messenger of the chamber to search
Whitchaf. for and apprehend [Wm.] Freer and bring him before him, for
dangerous and seditious practices.

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[May 22] 94. Warrant for a commission to George Duke of Albemarle,
Whitehall. Lord Ashley, Sir Thos. Clifford, Sir Wm. Coventry, and Sir John
Duncombe to exercise the office of Lord High Treasurer of England
and fulfil the warrants, &c., addressed to the late Lord Treas.
Southampton. [*Draft*]
- [May 22] 95. Another draft [by Lord Arlington]. [*Fragment*]
- May 22. 96. Similar warrant specifying the commission. [*4 sheets*]
- May 22. 97. Silvestre Gervais to Louis Parant. Was captured with 34
Winchester. others by an English frigate on the coast of France. The sailors
promised them freedom, as they were merchants, but instead have
imprisoned them. Begs pity and help; they are resolved to have
their liberty; 24 of them are from St. Malo, 5 are Flemings.
Begs a loan from a merchant of money to get away. [*French*,
3 pages.]
- May 22. 98. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Has no news by sea or land.
Pembroke.
- May 22. 99. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.
- May 22. 100. Duke of Richmond and Lenox to Williamson. Thanks for
Cobham. his letter. Inquires what is doing about the peace. Hopes his wife
and the rest of the ladies are well.
- May 22. 101. "Advices received," being notes from letters all calendared
above. [*2 pages*]
- May 22. 102. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Arrival and departure of
Palmouth. vessels.
- May 22. 103. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect.
- May 22. 104. Order in Council that Lord Arlington prepare a warrant for
Whitehall. discharge of the ship *Liefde*, with 6 pipes of oil and 96 fraits of
raisins, claimed by the owners, subjects of the King of Sweden, on
payment of charges; granted on intercession of the Swedish Am-
bassador, Lord Arlington having represented the case, according to
the report of Dr. Jenkins, Judge of the Admiralty Court.
- May 22. 105. Draft of the above, containing also discharge of the freight
accruing on the goods from St. Malo to Plymouth.
- May 23. 106. Petition of Hugh Pyers to the King, for release. Was
never dissatisfied with government, but was taken into custody for
talking over news in the street with Battersley, an apothecary, who
accused him of saying there would be a toleration for Papists; this
he denies, but is heartily sorry for saying some of the words charged
on him.
- May 23. 107. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Princess, being sent to
Harwich. cruise about the Danish coasts, encountered two Danish men-of-
war, and fought with such vigour and courage that she beat them

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into shore, but Capt. Dawes and his lieutenant and master were slain in the fight. Departure of colliers. Thanks Lord [Arlington] for delivering his maps.

May 23.
Dowl.

108. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Arrival and departure of vessels. The Ostend fleet of 60 sail has passed homewards. The last Nieuport packet boat reports that the French army is against that town, and has beaten down some houses.

May 23.
4 A.M.
Aldborough.

109. Rich. Browne to Williamson. A fourth-rate frigate has sailed by southward, with the ancient half staff high, which makes it supposed that the commander is dead, but no guns have been heard lately; she is going for Harwich. A great Hamburger is in the bay.

May 23.
Portsmouth.

110. Sir Robert Holmes to Williamson. Hears of no goods of Sir Bernard Gascoigne's, but his coach is sent to London. Begs an order for the timber, as the work cannot go on without it. On Thursday, the Dutch fleet of 110 men-of-war and merchantmen was under sail between the Vlie and Texel. The French fleet is out, and supposed to sail towards Lisbon.

May 23.

111. Peter Slade, master of the *Franakin*, to the Navy Comrs. Has received the stores ordered, and is riding in *Longreach* till further orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 23.
Dover.

112. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of proceedings, under orders received by the Governor of Dover Castle and Sir Thos. Teddeman from Sir Wm. Coventry, as to bringing into Dover Pier ships which came from Rye, laden with guns and shot, so as to avoid their being taken by the Dutch. Has tallowed the Kitchen, it being too foul to serve the fishermen. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 23.

Warrant for a grant to Sir John Denham, surveyor of works, and Thos. Killigrew, groom of the bedchamber, of a fine of 600*l.* imposed on Nich. Bacon, of Gray's Inn, convicted four years ago, in the Court of King's Bench, for contriving the death of Sir Harbottle Grimstone, Master of the Rolls. [*Ent. Book 26, p. 10.*]

May 24.
Kinsale.

113. Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. The *Milkmaid* has arrived; is preparing a convenient place for lodging the stores brought. Will use all means to husband the charge of landing and lodging, and will send the account. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 24.
Chatham.

114. Comr. Peter Pett to the Navy Comrs. Has spoken with the several persons who subscribed the informations, and finds that they all own what is certified. As to Wilde's making use of his name, he might as well have quoted any one of the Board; has done him no favour that might not have been done to his greatest enemy. Has demands for 13,000 deals, but has received only 3,000, and none being in store, asks for a supply. Smith will wait upon them about his elm timber. Wants oars for 30 boats, those sent down being too short. Assures them, as an honest man, that he had no more

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hand in Murford's contract than themselves: abhors such practices; Murford and Moorcock went two-thirds in Newhall timber; as to further inquisition, prays they will do as they would be done by, and doubts not but Mr. Pett will be found an honest man. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

114. I. *Ja. Norman to Sir Wm. Batten, Navy Surveyor. A difference has fallen out between the Mayor of Rochester and Mr. Wilde, which he believes is of long standing. Thinks what he accuses him of to be false, and done more to revenge himself upon the man than for any real service to His Majesty. The mayor's hatred arises principally because when he (Sir Wm. Batten) was chosen burgess for Rochester, the mayor was a great stickler against his election, and has since taken away the freedom of many that gave him their voices, of whom Mr. Wilde was chief.*
May 25, 1667.

114. II. *Information of Wm. Paske and eight others, that on 28th April, they accompanied the mayor and constables of Rochester, by order of the Navy Comrs, to search the house of John Wilde, teamer of the dockyard; Wilde would not let the mayor have the key of the house, and upon his threatening to break open the door, set his back to it and dared him to do so; and in the hearing of 100 people, gave the mayor very scurrilous language, boasting that in what he had done Comr. Pett would bear him out. There were found in the house 60 half and 8 whole deuls.*
Rochester, May 4, 1667.

114. III. *Information of Thos. Baker and Robt. Curt. On the 25th April, Peter Stowell, mayor of Rochester, accompanied by a constable and other inhabitants, saw John Wilde delivering several hides of leather and deal boards at the back door of his unoccupied house, and, upon being questioned, Wilde gave very abusive and opprobrious language.*
May 4, 1667.

114. IV. *Information by Thos. Phips, of Rochester, and John Grimson, of Chatham, that they saw deal boards and new iron, being tire for wheels belonging to the yard, carried by John Wilde from his house near the yard to his house in Pump Lane, and that some deuls were brought by Thos. Phips out of the yard to Wilde's house near thereto, and disposed of by Wilde.* May 5, 1667.

- May 24. 115. *Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Asks leave of absence for two months for John Day, gunner of the St. George, who is ill of an ague, and has affairs that require his presence.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

- May 24. 116. *Thos. Melmoth, muster-master, to Thos. Hayter. Has sent Plymouth. five sea books from the Advice frigate, and hopes soon to send the*

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others. The pursers delay sending their books till they are just sailing, and keep them inaccurately. Sir Thos. Allin advises him to write to Sir Wm. Coventry and the Navy officers of their neglect. Asks advice; would be sorry to injure any man, and is loth to gain discredit. Kept his credit in his own calling, and shall endeavour to keep it in this employment. Shall send the books of three ships named by the next post. Particulars of the books and of the men allowed on several ships. Endorsed "Muster master, Mr. Thomas Waltham." [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ pages.]

May 24. *Chapter House* Frns. Wilford, Dean, and the Chapter of Ely, to the King. Notify their election of Benj. Laney, Bishop of Lincoln, as Bishop of Ely, in place of Dr. Matthew Wren, deceased. [*Latin. Cass C., Charles II., No. 3.*]

[May 24.] 117. Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy taken by Dr. Benj. Laney, elected Bishop of Ely.

May 24. Warrant for payment to Dame Barbara Villiers of 600*l.* from the moneys set aside from the Customs for the use of the Mint, or if they do not suffice, the remainder to be paid from the Exchequer. [*Case C., Charles II., No. 4.*]

May [24.] Docquet of the above. [*Docquet.*]

May 24. The King to the Duke of York. It was ordered, 6 February last, that for this summer only third and other inferior rates of ships should be put to sea; since then, London being well supplied with coal, and the vessels arrived safely from the Mediterranean, still determines, unless the war be ended by the present treaty at Breda, to carry it on by small parties; as it would therefore be needless expense to keep all the third-rate ships in pay, those which would require considerable repairs are to be discharged and laid up in Portsmouth, as soon as they can be paid off; but still squadrons kept considerable enough to distract the enemy, and disturb their trade, so that they may not block up the said squadrons or secure their trade. [*Ent. Book 17, pp. 241-2.*]

May [24.] 118. Copy of the above. [*1½ pages.*]

May 24. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs to permit the unloading of 30 tons of wines for the use of the Swedish ambassador, the Sieur de Lyonbergh. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 460.*]

May 24. The King to the Commissioners for Prizes. Sir Rob. Holmes having requested the use of the St. George, burden 220 tons, lately taken by the Dragon, and brought into Portsmouth, which he wishes to use as a privateer, it is to be given him, on bond to restore it in as good a condition as received. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 461.*]

[May 24.] 119. Draft of the above.

May 24. Warrant for a grant extending the power of the Royal Society for improvement of Natural Knowledge, as follows:—Instead of one vice-president or deputy, as many may be appointed as the

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president thinks fit; five members instead of seven may be allowed to exercise the powers of the society; the place of assembling, instead of being within 10 miles of London, may be in any part of England; and the power granted them of printing and engraving matters relating to the Society may be extended to any printers or engravers chosen by them. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 462-3.*]

May 24. Warrant for a grant to Robert Stewart of King's Lynn, Norfolk, of the estate in Chequer Street, King's Lynn, of Abraham de Leare, an alien. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 464.*]

May 24. Pass for Madame Courtin, wife of Ambassador Courtin, from France into Holland. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 13.*]

May 24. Warrant to pay to John Barker 270*l.* due to the late Earl of Cleveland at the time of his death, as captain of the band of gentleman pensioners, which sum has been expended by Lord Arlington for his funeral, &c. [*Docquet.*]

May 24. 120. Address presented to the King in person by the Commissioners appointed to take the accounts of monies expended in the present war. Having weighed their commission, and His Majesty's declaration at the prorogation, that they would have much to answer for if they did not discover all matters of fraud and cozenage, they represent that they are not empowered by their commission of Oyer and Terminer to make such discovery, without delays that would frustrate the main design of the service; yet they will proceed to satisfy him, as far as they are able, on his further command, and wish a time appointed when all the judges may meet them, give their opinion concerning the legality of the commission, and explain its meaning and use. Hope not to be blamed if the execution fall short of the benefit expected.

May 24. 121. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Apologizes for not seeing him
Plymouth. when in London. The Fanfan, being at sea with the mackarel fishers, fell in with a dogger of 10 guns, which being too hot for her, she retired into Yarmouth Roads, whither the fishermen had retreated.

May 24. 122. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. On intelligence that two
Plymouth. Flushing privateers had taken a small fisherman, stripped the men, and sent them ashore, and taken another small vessel, sent the Drake and three ketches to surprise them. The Sorlings has been chasing a privateer in the Channel, but she escaped; three frigates are sent to cruise westward. His shamefacedness and want of friends will make him die a beggar; his Vice-Admiral Teddeman has had 1,000*l.*; his rear-admiral a ship worth 880*l.*; Langston one worth 900*l.*; Sir Rob. Holmes, Sir Edw. Spragg, and others have had presents since he requested the Alcida; if he do not obtain 850*l.* in part of three years' salary due, will be ruined, having bought the Alcida at the survey.

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May 24. 123. John Clarke to James Hickes. Sir Thos. Allin has sent out the Duke's pleasure boat with some soldiers from the fort, the Drake, and a ketch to recover two English merchantmen, taken off Dartmouth by two privateers. Arrival of vessels.
- May 24. 124. Joh. Smith to Williamson. The Dutch fleet is said to be at Margate. sea, but none have been seen; a fleet of near 100 Ostenders has passed.
- May 24. 125. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The 60 sail of Hollanders said to be at sea prove to be the Ostend fleet, and the seas are clear from men-of-war; if the Dutch do come to sea, the east wind will retard the ships at Portsmouth from coming home. Asks whether there are any hopes of the peace with Holland, and how far we are in league with France.
- May 24. 126. Thos. Sumpner, mayer, Seth Busbell, vicar, and 20 other inhabitants of Preston, to Williamson. Having received a good opinion of his ingenuity and worth, and readiness to serve them if elected, proposed him to several burgesses, and were progressing favourably, notwithstanding former engagements, till he [Williamson], finding that he and his friends were charged with stirring up animosity among them, generously ordered them not to proceed further; they acknowledge their loss, but thank him for his civility.
- May 24. 127. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The laden colliers, and the Newcastle. Speedwell and Orange, which were to convoy them to the Head, have come into the harbour.

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May 25. 1. Wm. Symons to James Hickes. Thanks for Mr. Francis' letter; Bridgewater. all is quiet there, and trade advances, in hopes of a successful issue to the treaty.
- May 25. 2. Robt. Gray to James Hickes. Encloses all the news they Boston. have. *Encloses,*
3. *I. Note that on May 18th, a sloop forced four coal ships coming to Boston, and took one away, and has fired two ships at Wainfleet Haven, and one on the Longsand; so that without a convoy, the port will be debarred all trade.*
- May 25. 3. C. S[awtell] to Edm. Sawtell. The Rupert arrived yesterday, Weymouth. exercised her men all day, giving handsome volleys, and has sailed for Plymouth. The Deptford has brought in a French provision ship, said to be of great value.

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May 25. 4. John Pocock to Williamson. The French fleet has landed all
Weymouth. its army, which is marching towards Paris, but the design is kept
private; 30 merchantmen have left St. Malo for Newfoundland, and
five great rich ships are going for St. Lucas and Cadiz.
- May 25. 5. William Bishop of Limerick to Williamson. Being confined to
Black Hall, bed with gout, can neither proceed to Ireland nor return to London.
Chester. The King promised him the bishopric of St. Asaph, if the Dean of
Bristol, now Bishop elect, prefer Carlisle, on the Bishop of Carlisle's
removal to Lincoln; but the said Bishop elect likes neither Carlisle
nor Peterborough, which is offered him, but is earnest to go to
Lincoln, in which he is opposed. As when two contend, a third
person is sometimes chosen, hopes Lord Arlington will propose, and
the Archbishop of Canterbury approve of the writer's having the
bishopric of Lincoln. Wishes to be addressed at Lord Winchester's
lodgings.
- May 25. 6. Dr. T. Lamplugh to Williamson. Begs conveyance of the
Whitson-eve enclosed; has not forgotten his book, but it cannot be had till after
Charleston. May 29, when Dr. Smith is to make a speech in the hall.
- May 25. 7. Fras. Malory to James Hickey. The Garland has had an
Pembroke. hour's dispute with a privateer, and it is hoped has taken it.
- May 25. 8. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.
- May 25. 9. Rob. Mein to Williamson. Scarce a day passes that the
Edinburgh. privateers do not bring in one or two prizes. The Archbishop of
Glasgow has returned, and they drank Williamson's health in
better claret than all London can afford.
- May 25. 10. John Bower to James Hickey. Is glad to hear of the arrival of
Bridlington. the Straits' fleet; no enemies have been near this week; the coal
fleet dares not stir from Tynemouth Haven; the privateers have
done much harm in Lynn Deepa.
- May 25. 11. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Several vessels have been at
Harwich. anchor at Ousley Bay, on the back of the fort.
- May 25. 12. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. A French privateer came close
Dover. under the castle, and grappled with a small Dover vessel, but the
tide running strong, lost hold of her. The Little Victory, a Rye
privateer of seven guns, Capt. Tett commander, met a French
privateer of 12 guns and 100 men, and after a hot dispute in
which many were wounded, the French ship got away. Capt. Tett,
when wounded, charged his men to sink the ship rather than be
taken. The trained bands are in arms to commemorate the King's
landing this day seven years. Capt. Jo. Holmes of the Dover, and
Capt. Canning of a small privateer, the Penelope, were both concerned in taking a Hamburger of 200 tons, laden with iron, &c.,
which may prove a prize. Begs to succeed old Mr. Jemmett in the
mastership of the packet boats, if he be dismissed at Midsummer.

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May 25. Aldborough. 13. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The Princess has passed, with her ancient half-mast high, the captain, master, and boatswain being killed in a 12 hours' encounter with two Dutch men-of-war, on the coast of Norway. No privateers are heard of, and several light colliers are going northward.
- May 25. Newcastle. 14. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Sends accounts given him by the merchants on two vessels which have come into port; their ladings are deals and pipe staves. *Encloses*.
14. I. *Note that the Marcus of Tonningen, coming from Cook's Haven in the Elbe (†), saw a Holland caper taken by the Hamburgers, and the master tied up hand and foot and sent to Hamburg; she left on the 20th, and in her passage saw only one flyboat, a Swede.*
Newcastle, May 25, 1667.
14. II. *Note that Rowland Rowlandson, of Maelstrand, left Drammen in Norway, May 18, and saw a Scotch caper pursue two great flyboats, one of which she took, but the other escaped.*
Newcastle, May 25, 1667.
- May 25. Bristol. 15. Sir Thos. Langton, mayor of Bristol, to Williamson. Desires that the order to discharge the Frenchmen from the Plantations may be sent speedily, as they are in a very low condition.
- May 25. London. 16. G. Drapiron to Viscount Conway. Business affairs; has received 104*l.* from Mr. Round, and the money and interest from the Earl of Anglesey.
- May 25. 17. John Allen to Williamson. Sends a letter to be communicated to L. A. [Lord Arlington]. Wants his expenses allowed, being unable to be at so much charge and trouble on his own account. *Encloses*.
17. I. ——— to J. Allen. *An action is expected shortly; many about Bristol and the West are to appear. Will give intelligence of what occurs. Sends verses called "Advice to a Painter." The transactions at the Committee about Catholics are being printed for dispersion amongst them.*
- May 25. Whitehall. 18. [Hen.] Mudd[iman] to Sir Edw. Stradling, St. Donat's Castle, Glamorganshire. The committee examining the accounts of the kingdom have requested the King to appoint judges to satisfy them how far they may legally proceed in their commission. The Earl of Lincoln died suddenly on the 21st, whilst going up stairs to bed. The Nightingale frigate passed by Lowestoft with two great hoys, believed to be prizes. Letters are sent to Newcastle for butter, lead, and coal to be exported to France. Sir Thos. Allin is clearing the southern coasts from the Dutch capers that infested them.
The Duke of Kendal, younger son of the Duke of York, is dead. Sir Edm. Pooley, clerk extraordinary of the Privy Council, is appointed secretary to the Treasury Comrs. The Princess frigate, of 50 guns, on the coast of Norway stood out against two Danish

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men-of-war of 40 guns each, though captain, lieutenant, and master were in turn disabled, till the Danes retired. The fortifications are forward at Harwich. Foreign news. Courteous reception given to the English ambassadors at Breda. [3 pages.]

May 25. 19. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys, surveyor of victualling.
Ipswich. Victualling of ships named. There is no brewing nor baking at present. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 25. 20. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Supposes their order to Plymouth to victual the Victory for only 100 men is a mistake; it is the Victory prize taken from the French, and not the Little Victory. Sends a paper given to him by the Lord General, and desires they will do right to the person it concerns. His Majesty declared in Council that the bills owing in the Navy shall be paid out of the eleven months' tax, though they should exceed 100,000*l.*, but the mode of registering or assigning was referred to the Treasury Comrs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 25. 21. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of three ships
Portsmouth. named. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 25. 22. Thos. Browne to Wm. Hewers, at Mrs. Mercers, Crutched Friars,
St. Malo. London. Has been to Brest to demand justice, because the Duke of Beaufort recalled the passport granted him to fetch the prisoners from England belonging to three vessels of that town, which were taken, and granted it in compensation of those interested in the vessels taken. Demanded another passport to ship away goods bought, but he would not grant any more passes. Knows this comes from the ambition of George Pley, who, ever since the wars, has had a trade in England, and will not suffer any to have the least trade that way, except included in his company. Is proffered what part he will in the company. If the French in that town had not so much liberty to trade for England under the name of Mr. Pley, should have found an opportunity to send the goods, but those that drive their trade are his greatest enemies. Passes are not so difficult to obtain in England as there, for those of the town have some, or they would not venture to send so much. They have sent two vessels laden with canvas and other French commodities, but would not give him liberty to load a piece. All are in great expectation of a peace; asks to be advised as to its certainty, as there will then be no need of a pass, but if there is to be no peace, wants a pass for a vessel of 80 or 100 tons laden with canvas, oil, coal, paper, &c. The Duke [of Beaufort] is daily expected back from Rochelle to Brest. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 25. 23. Sir John Knight to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Furzer will
Bristol. reserve a set of anchors for the frigate he is going to build; shall follow their orders as to the rest. The carpenters and Mr. Furzer have been again for money for repair, &c., of the Dartmouth. Has promised to pay them for this and the next week out of his own moneys, in hopes before that time to have some from them [the

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1667. Comrs.] Is troubled that the ships should stay there at a charge, for the stores coming down, and wishes they would send them by land, or get the ships supplied at Bristol forthwith, which might be done if they would order the moneys for providing them. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 26. 24. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. The Dartmouth will be
Bristol. ready to sail speedily, if supplied with men, and will be fit for service for 18 months, without much further charge. Is ordered to supply the St. David with such stores as are not arrived; begs money, that he may not be continually torn in pieces for want of it. Shall decline divers demands made by her officers, and leave the captain to supply them. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 26. 25. John Badcock to Sir Wm. Penn. Particulars of a ship building.
Bristol. Mr. Baylie's great want is men; there are carpenters enough, but they will not work. Hastens Mr. Baylie, as he does not go on so fast as he might. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 26. 26. Sir Thos. Allin to the Navy Comrs. Will rectify the mistake
Plymouth. concerning the number of men for the Victory prize, and order her 140 as before; sends a copy of the demand of the boatswain of the Paul fire-ship, as their honours wonder at the wants of ships newly come out of port. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne has arrived with four ships from Portsmouth, and demands elm board, rosin, and tallow. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 26. 27. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Arrival and departure
Plymouth. of ships. Hopes to send an account of the workmen's bills by his next. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 26. 28. John Clarke to Williamson. Three vessels sent out by Sir
Plymouth. Thos. Allin last week, to look after two privateers that had taken two Dartmouth ships, have returned with seven salt ships, which pretend to be Swedes, but it is supposed some will be prize. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne has come in for Portsmouth, with five third-rate frigates and a fire-ship.
- May 26. 29. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Three frigates sent to cruise
Plymouth. have chased a caper lying under the shore, but the success is not known. The Drake and Nonsuch have brought in seven Swedes laden with French salt, and having several Dutch men aboard, on suspicion of their being prize; they say De Beaufort is at sea with 60 sail, but cannot tell which way he intends. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne with his squadron has come to cruise in the West.
- May 26. 30. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne
Portsmouth. has gone to sea with a good squadron of ships, to ply the western station. Several frigates are plying between Portsmouth and the coast of France; an East India ship and other merchant ships bound for London are ordered into harbour, as it is not thought convenient to let them go to sea as yet. Sir Rob. Holmes is very careful, sending all ships to sea as they come in and are fitted out. The fortifications go on well.

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May 26. Portsmouth. 31. Sir Robt. Holmes to Williamson. Thanks for care in his business; hopes the mats are received. The Sapphire has taken a prize bound for Rotterdam, laden with dyeing stuff, and pickled lemons; has sent to look after a Frenchman who was in her company. Has desired Jas. Halsall to look after the order for the privateer.
- May 26. Berwick. 32. M. Scott to Williamson. Has no news this week.
- May 26. Hull. 33. Col. Anth. Gilby to Williamson. Sir Jeremy Smith has left the Humber with 18 sail, whereof three were fire-ships, and has passed Burlington. Two of the King of Spain's officers have been lately hanged at Brussels, for endeavouring to betray some town or fort to the French, who are said to be marching out of Flanders again, and the war to be at an end; the Ostend merchant ships are making ready to go to France. A French privateer took a Swedish ship, and finding the Duke of York's pass on board, carried her to Dunkirk. The Holland fleet is in the Texel, ready to come out. [1½ pages.]
- May 26. Hull. 34. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Arrival and departure of vessels. The Oxford commanded 80 or 90 light colliers, with the Little Victory as convoy, into the Humber, because 60 sail of Hollanders were at sea, but nothing is seen of them; the colliers would not come in, so the Little Victory and a ketch were forced to drive them in. A caper of 200 tons, with a French commission, and manned by Hollanders, was taken by a French privateer, because she had the Duke of York's pass on board. She had taken, and was carrying to Dunkirk a Swede, laden with deals from Norway. [1½ pages.]
- May 27. Bridlington. 35. John Bower to James Hickey. Sir Jeremy Smith in the Tiger, with 15 sail, passed northward. The Oxford, having ordered 60 light colliers into the Humber, and given chase to a Holland caper, which he lost through the night coming on, has gone into the Humber. All the coal fleet is stayed at Newcastle.
- May 27. West Cowes. 36. John Lysle to Williamson. Three prizes have passed at a distance for Southampton. Has written to Wm. Cole, secretary and accountant to the Prize Office, for an account of them.
- May 27. Falmouth. 37. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. The Jonathan ketch has left with a packet for Cadiz. The Mermaid and Sorlings have come in.
- May 27. London. 38. Wm. Hurt to Williamson. Sends a draft of a complaint against Thos. Iago, mayor of Dartmouth, to be put into better form; supposes he has the statute by him. Thanks for favours.
- May 27. Swansea. 39. John Man to Williamson. Has no news; those parts are healthful and quiet.
- May 27. Pondennis. 40. Frns. Bellott to Williamson. Notices of vessels; 9 or 10 ships have passed, said to be Swedes from France, laden with wines and salt.

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9 P.M.,
Aldborough.

41. Rich. Browne to Williamson. A laden Swedish fly-boat has passed southward. Forty pieces of ordnance have been heard northward, but no Dutch nor French pickeroons have been seen on the coasts.

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Deal.

42. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The Roebuck has come into the Downs, and two Hamburgers have lain several days for orders.

May 27.
Hull.

43. Wm. Blaydes to the Navy Comrs. Sends accounts signed by Sir Jer. Smith. Attendance on him and other captains, disbursement of money, &c., put the writer to great straits. Sir Jer. Smith promised payment before he went, but it is hard taking courtiers' words. Is ready to serve them, but has to disburse his moneys and seek goods from house to house and shop to shop, with present payment, for there is no trust. Cannot get a bill charged upon their honours in Hull or at York; people doubt the payment so. Desires money at Hull, as he is not acquainted at London, and looking through other men's spectacles wears him. Sir Jeremy went out of the Humber on the 25th, and at 4 p.m. passed by the Head. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 27.
The St. David,
Kingroad.

44. Capt. Rich. Rooth to the Navy Comrs. Has consigned his arrears of 400*l.* for services in the Dartmouth, to Capt. John Bowen, merchant of Bristol, and having received the value, hopes it will meet with punctual payment. Being ordered to supply the St. David with boatswain's stores, which cannot come from London on account of the Dutch fleet, asks a copy of the boatswain's indent, and what the allowance is for a ship of her rate, that he may take course with Mr. Furzer, who is ready to supply the stores required. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 28.
Leith.

45. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. Seven great prizes are brought in of 300 and 400 tons, laden with masts and timber. Asks them to provide payment of the seamen of the galliot, who have summoned him and George Strachan before the court for their wages. Mr. Cottrell is ordered by Squire Gaden to pay the other ships that brought the provisions, but to pay neither freight nor moneys for the galliot, as the freight was freely given; must lie in the lurch for all other payments or go to prison. Has delivered the galliot to Capt. Bon, for the service of Scotland. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Leith.

46. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. Thanks them for 30*l.* received. Complains that after 28 years' service, he is not allowed the ordinary factorage of 2½ per cent., and is to have neither salary nor employment. Never thought to see such days, but it was his own fault he did not ply better for himself, having had the favour of his King. The galliot's seamen come to him for their wages, he having engaged to see them paid. Capts. White, Saunders, and two others have arrived from sea. Ten prizes have been brought up by the Scots' capers. The powder is laid in the powder room of Leith citadel. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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May 28. 47. Account by John Tippetts of works needful to be done to
Portsmouth. seven ships named of Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper*, 3 pages.]
- May 28. 48. Capt. Andrew Horsman to the Navy Comra. Will send the
Plymouth. rosin to Portsmouth by the vessels which came with the provisions,
which are not discharged yet. [*Adm. Paper*.]
- May 28. 49. Petition of Augustin Martyn to the King, for presentation to
Whitehall. the rectory of Borton-on-the-water, co. Gloucester. With reference
thereon to the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- May 28. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book* 18, p. 250.]
- May 28. 50. Sir Henry Jones to Williamson. As there is a report of
Isle of Wight. raising forces, begs him to keep Mr. Morris in mind for any em-
ployment suitable to his capacity; asks if any service abroad may
answer his expectation, as that is not a place to learn a trade in.
Begs advice, especially if the report of peace be true, as all there
believe. Wishes Lord Arlington to know that no duty will be
neglected there.
- May 28. 51. Mary Pattinson to Williamson. Hears that the post office there
Carlisle. will soon be in the disposal of Lord Arlington and Lord Berkeley;
begs assistance for her continuance in the place of Postmaster at
Carlisle, being a poor widow.
- May 28. 52. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Bergen is taken by the French,
Dover. with the loss of 500 or 600 men, and it is said they will attempt
Nieuport. A Dunkirk privateer met the Calais packet, and plun-
dered a French gentleman and his wife of goods value 80*l*., they
finding no more favour than their enemies. Hopes to hear about
his salary and Mr. Jemmet's business, and wants Lord Arlington to
sign the first bill due to the seamen belonging to the Custom house
boat.
- May 28. 53. Rich. Forster to William. Sir Jeremy Smith, with his
Newcastle. squadron of 16 ships, has passed northwards; he sent a small ketch
to the castle with letters; five ships have come in laden with Scotch
coal, and will stay there to go along with the laden colliers.
- May 28. 54. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Has been at Ipswich, and there
Harwich. heard as much news from Harwich as could be desired; that the
Dutch fleet was in the Downs, &c.
- May 28. 55. Petition of Robt. Bishop, of St. Martins-in-the-Fields, to the
Whitehall. King. Was instrumental in making known the horrid plot for which
Gibbs, Stubbs and others were executed in 1662, for which service
he was long in danger of his life; has since endeavoured to save His
Majesty, but having lost all he had in the late dreadful fire, is in great
necessity. Begs the personal estate of Isaac Pluvier, a Dutch alien,
who, having no relations in England, left it to Jsa. Williamson, a
merchant, for persons living in Haerlem, known enemies of His

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Majesty; also leave to sue for the same in the King's name, but at his own cost. With order thereon granting the petition. Endorsed with a note that it was read 4 Sept. 1668, and Sir George Downing was to enquire from Mr. Williamson whether Bishop did discover the plot, and then his docket was to pass. [*Copy.*]

May 28.
Charleville.

56. Earl of Orrery to his sister Lady Ranelagh, Pall Mall, London. Lord Powerscourt has safely arrived home, wishes her to receive some money for him from Mr. Hill. Tried when last in England to bring his forest business about Morterine to an end. Agreed with Mr. Seymour for each to appoint a learned counsel, to state the case before Lord Fitzharding; chose Serjeant Glynn; the case was heard, and a full agreement made, which could not be executed till Lord Fitzharding had been to the place, to give orders for determining what was left to him; there the case still stands; begs her, with Lady Suffolk, to remind Lord Fitzharding to bring it to a period; is losing 120*l.* a year by want of it, but having left the matter to his lordship, cannot move any other way. Sends a letter from Edw. Hill, containing Mr. Seymour's own proposals to Lord Fitzharding, which Dick Graham should see; would lose 20*l.* a year for three lives, to avoid afterclaps, and have all pretenders to his forest lands for ever quiet. Details proceedings entered into to deprive Lord Powerscourt, his son-in-law, of the lordship or manor of Clancapp, co. Wicklow, worth 300*l.* a year, but with a flaw in the title; on this account a new grant of it was procured, but it is so badly drawn up, that it is contested. Begs interest with Lord Arlington to allow no grant of Clancapp to pass till Lord Powerscourt's title be heard, and also his own, having a grant thereof, in conjunction with Lord Anglessey. [*5 pages.*]

May 28.
Plymouth.

57. John Clarke to Williamson. The Anne frigate has brought in a prize. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne is taking in provisions, and will be abroad in a few days. Sir Bernard De Gomme, the King's engineer general, has come in, and the new fortifications will be carried on with all possible expedition.

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58. John Clarke to James Hickey. To the same effect.

May 28.
Plymouth Fort.

59. Sir John Skelton to Williamson. The Drake and Anne have brought in seven pretended Swedes laden with salt, all Holland built, most of which will prove prize. Also the Anne has brought in another pretended Swede, of 250 tons, laden with salt, honey, linen, &c.; the skipper confesses that he is a Hollander, and bought his pass of the Swedish resident at the Hague. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne has arrived with four vessels, and will be ready to sail on Friday.

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Plymouth.

60. Willm. Jennens to Louis Parant. Has not bought a ship yet, but some small French ships will be sold next week; asks if Mr. Gerrard has no allowance for the French released from Exeter, as they go a begging. Has given the required instructions as to

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those who refuse to be examined before the Commissionours; hopes the contempt will be returned. Prays for peace, that the pride of princes cause not the loss of so many thousand as will fall by the war.

May 29. 61. Fras. Malory to Williamson. There is no shipping in the
Pembroke. harbour, and no news from sea or country.

May 29. 62. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hicke. To the same effect.

May 29. 63. "Advices," being notes from letters all calendared above.

May 29. 64. John Tremeneete to [Williamson]. A fleet of 26 ships, one
Penzance. of them a flag ship, appeared between Scilly and the Land's End; three came into the bay, and sent off two shallops full of men towards Mousehole, but a small bark which rode at anchor there was towed into the beach before their arrival; the writer's shallop went out with a dozen men to discover the fleet, and shot at the shallops with some firelocks; a few of the country people came down, so they attempted not to come on shore, but rowed a mile westward, and returned to their ships, which are supposed to be French. With postscript, dated Plymouth May 31, that the Adventure was chased in by three of the French fleet, the rest plying to the East; that Sir Thos. Allin sent out four vessels to view their course, which have not yet returned, and that six frigates and six fire-ships are in Plymouth, ready on command.

May 29. 65. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Twenty French frigates have
Pendennis. been seen off Mounts' Bay; two came to anchor, and 100 men in two shallops chased a boat ashore, and made a small Ostender that was there do the like. A Swede has come in who has been aboard several of them, and they are of 80, 60, 50, or 40 guns, but their intents are not known; the country was very ready to oppose them.

May 29. 66. ——— to ———. The mail came from Calais May 28, 1 a.m.,
from Dover 1 p.m., and reached London the 29th, at 10½ a.m. A
Duukirk man-of-war came aboard and plundered all the passengers.
Mr. Rouse of Dover neglected forwarding the mail till 4 or 5 a.m.
[Damaged.]

May 29. 67. John Pocock to James Hicke. Thanks for Williamson's
Weymouth. packet.

May 29. 68. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The Little Victory has
Hull. left the Humber with 80 colliers for the North. The Oxford has come in from the South; the Swallow is repaired. A Swede from Quinsborough, laden with flax and potash, was plundered of her small goods by a Holland caper, off Flamborough Head.

May 29. 69. C. S[awtell] to Edm. Sawtell. The York and the Francis
Weymouth. fire-ships have arrived from Portsmouth, and pressed a few men; they are bound for the coast of France.

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May 29. 70. Sir Allan Broderick to James Hicke. Thanks for his civility
Holyhead. in sending his letters to Dublin, but being now returned, wishes
them to be kept, or directed to Clarendon House.
- May 29. 71. Thos. Holden to Williamson. A Swedish vessel from France,
Falmouth. laden with salt, met five French men-of-war off Mount's Bay and
was commanded on board, but cleared as being a Swede; they were
well manned, and there were 15 more farther off at sea; two of
them fired some guns ashore, which frightened the country people, but
did no hurt. They are supposed to have passed Falmouth yester-
day. Guns have been heard, but it is supposed the rejoicing for
the day at Plymouth. In France this fleet was said to be intended
for Flanders.
- May 29. 72. Thos. Holden to James Hicke. To the same effect.
- May 29. 73. M. Scott to Williamson. There have been 17 great Dutch or
Berwick. English men-of-war cruising about the coast; from 6 till 11 p.m.
yesterday, great shooting was heard at sea.
- May 29. Lord Arlington to the Lord Lieutenants and Deputy Lieu-
Whitehall. tenants [of the Maritime Counties]. The Dutch being ready to
put to sea, the King thinks they may appear on the coast, and land
and ravage if they can; the militia are therefore to be assembled
and in arms, and the beacons watched; should they have to appear
to the enemy, they are to make as great a show of numbers as they
can, to discourage them from landing, especially of horse, even
though it be of such as are unfit for nearer service. Particular cir-
cumstances are left to their discretion, and they are to give account
of what passes. With a list of 14 counties to the lieutenants of
which the above letters were sent. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 145-6.*]
- May 29. 74. John Langrack to Sam. Pepys. Particulars of his proceedings
Whittlewood. in Whittlewood Forest, where he has felled nearly 200 trees, and con-
verted them into timber for the ships now building. Has sold the
offal wood to the King's advantage, none appearing to take charge
of it. Asks further orders, at the sign of the Three Swans, Stony
Stratford, Buckinghamshire. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 29. 75. Account sent by J. Uthwat to Sir W. Batten, of stores de-
Deptford. livered from Deptford on board five fire-ships named, upon Sir Jer.
Smith's complaint of their imperfect fitting. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 29. 76. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Asks that 10 addi-
tional men be allowed to the Hopeful Margaret ketch, which has
but 20, and is ordered by Sir Jeremy Smith to clear the coast about
Lynn and Boston Deepes of several small pickeroons; also that the
captain of the Success be directed to follow the orders of Sir Thos.
Allin. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 29. 77. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Asks them to consider
and report whether the King's charge may not be eased by reducing

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the complement of men on the fire-ships only intended for service near Portsmouth, Dover, Harwich, and Chatham. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Encloses,

77. 1. *List of 21 fire-ships lying at seven places named, with the number of men on each, from 16 to 45.*

May 30. 78. Edw. Sherburne, Fras. Nicholls, and Ric. Marsh to the Navy
Ordnance Office. Comrs. Asks for an account of the wages due to the men of the
Crown Malaga, and will order the money to be ready at Portsmouth
for paying and discharging them; with note that it amounts to
335*l.* 15*s.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 30. 79. Ph. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Has docked the *Princess*, whose
Chatham Dock. head and masts are unserviceable by shot holes. Asks for an order
to proceed with her repairs, and for timber and plank for the new
ships, that this good season of the year may not be lost. [*Adm.*
Paper.]

May 30. 80. Jonas Slish to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the work of
calkers and ropemakers at Woolwich. Asks for a warrant for
18 cwt. of rice tow, for the bottom of the new ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 30. 81. Edmond Harris, mayor of Rye, to the Navy Comrs. Asks
for an order to take out the masts of the *St. Andrew*, in order to
break her up. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May 1 82. "A few words of good counsel and advice unto the King of
England from the King of Heaven." Set him on his father's throne
that, being once oppressed himself, he might take part with the op-
pressed, else he will fail of the blessing intended him, for his seed
to reign for ever; orders him to open the prison doors for those
who suffer for conscience' sake, and he shall prosper, but if he refuse,
his enemies shall grow stronger and he weaker, and desolation come
on his family and friends. The hearer of this message loves His
Majesty, and would not that any harm should befall him, and there-
fore wishes him to help the innocent, to remember his promises
made in secret to the Lord, and in public to his people, and restore
liberty of conscience; then there would be no plot nor conspiracy
against him, as it would remove the very ground of evil sur-
misings, and the nation would be the happiest under heaven.
Those that persuade His Majesty to the contrary are his abso-
lute enemies. This is the counsel given him by his late father,
who was well experienced in things pertaining to church and civil
affairs, and charged him "that you seriously consider the former
real objected miscarriages which might occasion my troubles, that
you may avoid them." The want of liberty of conscience occasioned
the late King's troubles. Bids him beware of exasperating factions,
by differences in lesser matters of religion; in this the counsel of
God, of his dearest friends on earth, and also of the despised people
called Quakers agrees. This would cause all good people to appear
for him. Reminds him of other sayings of the late King, that he
would not intrude upon God's sovereignty over consciences; that

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the enjoining of oaths in things doubtful is dangerous, &c. Urges him to lenity, and begs an answer, being sent to him by God as a messenger of love. If he obey not warning, irrecoverable evil attends him. Signed "Charles Bayly." [2 pages. *His name occurs in the following list of Tower prisoners.*]

May 30. 83. List of 36 prisoners in the Tower,—one, Rob. Wallop, committed by Parliament; one, Stephen Thompson, by Council, for [conveying] a heiress beyond sea, and the rest by the Secretaries of State; 31, including Charles Bayly, being for treasonable, seditious, or dangerous practices; one, Capt. Taylor, for the concerns of the Guinea Company; and two for mutinying and breaking open the Counter.

May 30. 84. John Man to Williamson. Has no news at present.
Swansea.

May 30. 85. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The King's birthday and restoration were celebrated yesterday. There are 500 coal ships now ready to leave Newcastle. Notices of other colliers.
Harwich.

May 30. 86. Rich. Browne to Williamson. No men-of-war nor colliers are seen, but now and then a Swede or Hamburger goes southward.
Aldborough.

May 30. 87. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Yesterday 30 French men-of-war appeared off Mount's Bay; a Swede who has been on board says they carry many land soldiers. They have passed Pendennis Castle, and much shooting is said to be heard towards Plymouth.
Trow.

May 30. 88. Thos. Waade to Williamson. On Monday Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron passed in the distance; 20 small colliers from Sunderland, discovering 2 suspicious sails southward, anchored close under Whitby guns, but 5 Lynn men rode out, encouraged by the promise of all possible assistance from the volunteers and trained band if needful; next day they got safe to Scarborough. With postscript from Malton, May 31, that there has been a false report of the miscarriage of Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron; that shooting has been heard off Tynemouth, but is supposed to be the rejoicing for the King's restoration.
Whitby.

May 30. Warrant for discharge of Simon Choisin, Peter Fourdin, and Jean Baptist Coureur, prisoners in the Tower. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 466.*]
Whitehall.

May? 89. Petition of Joseph Batailhé to the King, for permission to unlade 108 tons of Bayonne wine, which he took on board in hopes of a peace.

May 30. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs to permit the unlading of 108 tons of Bayonne wines for the King's use by Jos. Batailhé, his purveyor of wines. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 467.*]

May 30. Pass for the ship Lewis from London to Ireland and thence to Lisbon, to carry corn for the pressing necessities of the kingdom of Portugal. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 13.*]

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May 30. Warrant committing the person of Bridget Dennys, of Hampshire, to the care of Charles Lord Mohun, if on inquisition she be found an idiot. [*Ent. Book 25, f. 14.*]
- May 30. Declaration of the King's grant to John Earl of Exeter of leave to hunt in Rockingham Forest this summer, any restraint to the contrary notwithstanding. [*Ent. Book 25, f. 14.*]
- May 30. 90. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Col. Titus, with the marching
Deal. company of which he is captain, and with the Deal trained company under Capt. Poole, of which he is colonel, was all day exercising, rejoicing for the King's birth and restoration. All is quiet; some speak of war with Holland and of Dutch insolence, but all say that peace is concluded with France. The wind, between north and east, brings in neither trade nor news.
- May 30. 91. Robt. Mein to Williamson. A proclamation was made yesterday at Edinburgh Cross, requiring all those concerned in the late Western rebellion who have not appeared nor are taken prisoners, and who were named in the last proclamation, to appear next Council day, and thenceforth none are to receive or harbour them. There was an alarm of a fleet in the Forth, which proved to be Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron, but on the first notice, the trained bands of Edinburgh and Leith attended the coast; all ranks acted as though they were enemies, and brought out their arms, and the magistrates sank a vessel at the mouth of the harbour, but finding them friends, saluted them with above 30 guns from the castle, which Sir Jeremy answered with a broadside. Cannot express the people's forwardness in this action.
- May 31. 92. Case of Alex. Bence, John Reid, and John Allen, merchants
London. of London. Details of the ill conduct of Domingo Grillio and Ambrosio Lomoline, residents at Madrid, who, having contracted with the Royal Company to deliver negroes at the Plantations, hired two English ships, and have paid no money for their hire, though 8,000 pieces of eight are now due, and the efforts of the plaintiffs to recover the same have been in vain.
- May 31. 93. Certificate by John Durel that Jane, wife of Antony Gouton, is a Protestant and a member of the French church in London.
- May 31. 94. Like certificate by D. Tripier, elder, and P. Gerard, deacon.
- May 31. 95. The King to [the Common Council of London]. Has observed the diligence of Sir Wm. Bolton, lord mayor, in advancing the rebuilding of the City, and recommends him to be appointed surveyor general of the work, to quicken particular persons, and regulate the model of the whole; they granting him such allowances as they think a reasonable encouragement of his care. [*1½ pages.*]
- May 31. 96. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The Anne has brought in a pretended Swede; hopes it will prove a prize, as it has belonged 25
Plymouth. days to Rotterdam, and bought a pass for 150 guilders for this

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voyage, from the Swedish resident at the Hague. The Paul fire-ship chased on shore a Hamburger, which pretended to run on shore from hearing of two Turkish men-of-war off Plymouth; 20 French vessels are seen off Mount's Bay; Capt. Topley of the Adventure saw 28 to the westward, and 30 small vessels plying eastward.

May 31.
Plymouth.

97. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Account of the prize brought in by the Anne with a Swedish pass; the skipper and steersman confess on oath that the ship and goods really belong to Rotterdam; there are many of these false passes; 30 French vessels came into Mount's Bay, and sent some boats ashore, but many hundreds of people arming to receive them, they shot some muskets, and retired to their ships; they chased the Adventure, but she got in safe. Those parts are prepared to give them sharp entertainment, if they make an attack.

May 31.
Plymouth.

98. John Clarke to Williamson. An express came yesterday from Pendennis Castle, to acquaint Sir John Skelton that 20 French men-of-war were at Mount's Bay, and the Adventure reports them to be 35 sail; they are supposed to have passed eastward; the trained bands are to be ready at beat of drum; nine frigates and five fire-ships are in the harbour.

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99. John Clarke to James Hickey. To the same effect.

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Plymouth.

100. Wm. Jennens to Louis Parant. It will be better to buy the vessel when she comes to a sale; if the guns be of six pounds shot they will be reserved for the King's use, otherwise they will be sold. A squadron of French men-of-war has been in Mount's Bay.

May 31.
Yarmouth.

101. Rich. Bower to Williamson. There are no vessels on the coast but the mackerel fishers. On May 29, the bailiffs, aldermen, and common council went to church from the hall in scarlet gowns; horse and foot being drawn up, gave three volleys of shot, answered by the Guards; guns were fired from the battlements and forts, and bailiff Thaxter invited Major Wyndham and the head officers to dinner. Has only had one Gazette in three weeks.

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102. Sir Phil. Howard to Williamson. Wishes the widow of John Mills, who was executed for treason, to be made an example of, lest men may be discouraged from witnessing for the King; her guilt does not come within a justice's power to punish.

May 31.
Newcastle.

103. Rich. Forster to Williamson. There is a strong report, but not confirmed, of an engagement between Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron and 12 Dutch men-of-war.

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104. James Hickey to [Williamson]. Sends the letters which came in by the Irish packet at 8 p.m.

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105. List of eight Farmers and four Commissioners of Excise of London, Middlesex, and Surrey. Endorsed "Sir George Downing."

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106. "Advices," being notes from letters all calendared above.

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 May 31. 107. Rich. May to [Williamson]. A Swede and an Ostender report that on Tuesday, they left the French fleet of 20 men-of-war and four fire-ships athwart the Start, and they may be shot eastward of the islands; thought it best to secure the convoys, and send them into Yarmouth Road (Isle of Wight). Intends to come into St. Helen's. Has sent notice to the governor of Guernsey.
- May 31. 108. John Smith to Williamson. The trained bands have mustered again, but no French nor Dutch men-of-war are seen off the coast, though the wind blows fair to bring them in.
- May 31. Reference to the Treasury Comra of the petition of Sir John Wintour, that the articles concerning perfecting of nurseries for the future growth of ship timber may be fully perfected and explained, and passed under the great seal, &c. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 251*].
- [May 31.] 109. Draft of the above reference.
- May? 110. Petition of Anne, wife of Colonel Francis Wyndham, of Trent, co. Somerset, to the King, for a reward for her loyalty. Has waited seven years since the Restoration, the effect of his gracious promise made when she gave him long and safe retirement in her house, after the battle of Worcester, and he gave her pieces of gold, marked with his own hand, as faithful witnesses between them.
- May 31. Pension of 400*l.* a year to Ann Wyndham for life. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 466.*]
- May 31. Warrant to the Commissioners [of Prizes], for sale of the ship Burgh of Alemaer to Matthew Sporne and partners. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 466.*]
- May 31. Warrant to the Commissioners [of Prizes] to deliver the ship Lamb to Widow Golding, as the King's free gift. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 466.*]
- May 31. 111. Pass for Don Francisco De Mello, ambassador from the King of Portugal to Holland.
- May 31. Minute of the above, stating the pass to be for Breda. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 466.*]
- May 31. Pass for the St. Maria of Norway, freighted by Wm. Birkhead, merchant of London, to Norway and back. [*Ent. Book 25, f. 14 b.*]
- May 31? 112. Petition of Arthur Bold, barrister-at-law, to the King, for the place of Steward of the New Forest, which he believes the late Earl of Southampton, warden of the forest, intended to bestow on him.
- May 31? 113. Petition of Mary Boulenger to the King, for relief, in response to her petition presented on Tuesday last, His Majesty's birthday and coronation day, her husband being prisoner in the Gatehouse for a small debt.

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[May 31.] 114. Petition of Jasper Waterhouse, secondary of the Crown Office, to the Treasury Comrs, for a warrant to Sir Thos. Fanshaw, coroner and attorney of King's Bench, to pay what they think fit, from the fines received in the said court, for services for which the Attorney General thinks he should have 100*l*. *Annexing,*
114. 1. *Account of the services for which Waterhouse prays allowance, e.g., drawing out the indictments, &c., against Sir Hardress Waller, Wm. Hewlett, John James, Sir Hen. Vane, John Lambert, and others, for high treason, and preparing other legal documents specified. With report by Attorney General Palmer, 31st May 1667, that for all these services he well deserves 100*l*.*
- May 31. 115. List of 16 men from 9 ships named, whose tickets were sent to Comr. Middleton by Capt. Robinson at Portsmouth, and not returned. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 31. 116. Thos. Pointer to the Navy Comrs. Sir Jer. Smith has gone
Kingston-upon-Hull. with a squadron of the ships to the northward. Notices of ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 31. 117. S. Langford, surveyor [of victuals], to Sam. Pepys. Victualling
Plymouth. of ships. News from Mount's Bay, that the French are upon the coast making eastward, and numbering 20 or 26 sail. Sir Bernard De Gomme arrived with money and instructions to proceed with the building of the fort, whereon many men are employed. The present victualling office is to be demolished as an annoyance, which will be an annoyance to him, and give a large walk to attend that employment; hopes an end of the war may save the labour. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 31. 118. Andrew Horsman to the Navy Comrs. Has procured a
Plymouth. small vessel at Weymouth, to take the rosin to Portsmouth, and agreed for the freight at 11*s*. a ton. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May 31. 119. Order in Council, on complaint of Peter Stowel, mayor of
Whitehall. Rochester, that John Wilde of Chatham—having appeared before the Board, and denied, by his petition, that the deals found were taken or embezzled, but acknowledged most of the other matters,—be committed to the custody of one of the messengers of the Chamber, who is to take him from time to time before the Navy Comrs, and until they have examined him and reported to the Council. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- May? 120. Petition of Redmond Bourke to the King, for some relief to bear his charges to France, having repaired to England on proclamation, and remained 12 months on his own charges.
- May? 121. Petition of Benjamin [Laney], Bishop of Ely, to the King, for a longer time than six months in which to pay 1,921*l*. 8*s*. 6½*d*., at which his first fruits are taxed; for acceptance of his sole bond as security, and for a proviso that if he die, his executors may be discharged from as much as still remains due.

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122. Petition of Rowland Laugharne to Lord Arlington, to procure for him 800*l.* at once, and 2,500*l.* in ensuing half years, being 3,300*l.* due to him from a grant of a pension, that he may return to his own country; has sold part of his estates, and the remainder, held by his ancestors 300 years, is extended for a debt of 6,000*l.* *Annexing,*

122. I. *Certificate by John Ball of a grant to Rowland Laugharne, by the convention Parliament which brought back the King, of 3,000*l.* on the Excise, confirmed by patent, and of the payments made therefrom; stating also that there is no hope of his getting more money out of the Excise arrears. Excise Office, May 22, 1666.*

122. II. *Certificate by Sir Rob. Long of payments made on the pension of 500*l.*, granted to Laugharne in October, 1662, &c.; with note by Laugharne that in April, 1665, he received 500*l.* on secret service.*

122. III. *Receipt by Robt. Jenkins from Mrs. Barker, by appointment of Mrs. Laugharne, of certificates of Sir Rob. Long and Mr. Ball, which are to be returned. May 6, 1667.*

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123. Petition of Theodore De Ruyven to the King, for payment of 300*l.* arrears of his pension, that he may pay his fine and debts, and support his family; for a grant of the Dutch prize ship *Hardereen*, to compensate his losses; and that the cassation of the sentence against him in the Court of Friesland may be stipulated for in the treaty with the States General. [*French.*] *Annexing,*

123. I. *Account of the services and sufferings of Theodore De Ruyven. Long served the Princes of Orange in the secretariat, and was useful to the Queen-mother when at the Hague. Was engaged by Sir Alex. Frazer to become intelligencer for his Majesty, and sent news regularly, long before there was any hope of the restoration. Had many promises of reward, even from the King himself at Bruges, and in 1661, had a pension of 200*l.* a year promised for life. Continued his correspondence with Sec. Nicholas and Lord Arlington, but one of his letters being intercepted, was obliged to fly; his wife and children were imprisoned seven months, she fined 100*l.*, and law costs 300*l.* more, and they all declared incapable of inheriting property or holding offices; all his goods, books, and property, worth 5,000*l.* and 400*l.* a year, were seized, only for his having been His Majesty's faithful servant. [*French.* 1½ pages.]*

123. II. *Sentence of the Chancery Court of Leeuwarden, that Theod. Ruyven, guilty of corresponding with and receiving a pension from England, even during the war, the letters being written as from Archibald Bacquoy to Wm. Davidson, be taken and beheaded, all his goods confiscated, and his sons declared incapable of any employment. [*French.* 1½ pages.] March 26, 1665.*

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May? 124. Petition of John Wilson, messenger of the great chamber in ordinary to the King, for the place of Messenger, Chamber-keeper, or some other, to attend to the Treasury Comrs.
- May? 125. Petition of Jane Woodcock and six other Officers and Attendants of the Council of Trade to the King, for a special order to the Treasury Comrs. to pay them 283*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*, which by a letter from the Council of Trade, appears to be due to them for rent of a house hired by that council, and consumed in the late fire, and also for their wages.
- May? 126. Petition of Robt. Yalden to the King, for repayment of 50*l.* lent to His Majesty in Brussels, Jan. 14, 1660.
- May? 127. Petition of Robert Yalden to the King, for payment out of the privy seal of 10,000*l.*, 8th Jan. last, of 50*l.* lent to His Majesty at Brussels.
- May? 128. Petition of Robt. Yalden to Lord Arlington, to remit his fee upon an order for payment of 50*l.* lent by him to the King six months before the Restoration; has been at 30*l.* expense already in obtaining the said privy seal. With note from Wm. Godolphin that the order be given without paying for it.
- May. Warrant to the Master of the Wardrobe to pay to the King's tradesmen and artificers 5,622*l.* 6*s.*, for wares and work for the half year ending Lady-day, 1664. [*Docquet.*]
- May. Like warrant for payment to the King's tradesmen of 8,713*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* for the half year ending Michaelmas 1664. [*Docquet.*]
- May. Like warrant to pay to Wm. Clarke, page of the bedchamber to the Queen, in place of Wm. Chiffinch, 23*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* half-yearly, for his livery. [*Docquet.*]
- [May.] Similar warrant, not duplicate. [*Docquet.*]
- May. Grant to Sir Wm. Godolphin, Bart., of the office of Receiver of the counties of Devon and Cornwall. [*Docquet.*]
- May. Warrant to pay to the farmers of the Customs 2,000*l.* for fitting and preparing the present house where the customs are managed. [*Docquet.*]
- May. Grant to Isaac Le Gouce of the office of Jeweller; fee, 100*l.* a year. [*Docquet.*]
- May. Memoranda from the Signet books of warrants, grants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow :—
Confirmation to Sir Rich. Piggott of the office of Clerk of the patents in Chancery for life.

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Grant to Lord Grandison of 1,000*l.* a year from the Post Office, for the Countess of Castlemaine.

Grant of 100*l.* per month to Sir Rob. Southwell, envoy to Portugal.

Grant to Hen. Selater of the office of keeping the books and entries of ships and mariners in the port of London.

Note that tallies of assignment are to a man to pay money; tallies of loan to a man to receive or be creditor for money.

Grant to Capt. Strange, captain of Hurst Castle, of an additional allowance of 5*s.* a day for his better support, and for fire and candle.

May. Similar memoranda, as follow :

Grant to John Dolben and Rich. Carr, on surrender of Rich. Dolben, of the office of clerk and receiver of fines and forfeitures assessed by the President and Council of Wales.

Grant to Sir Fras. Gooderich, in reversion after Thos. Corbin, of the surveyorship of the woods beyond Trent.

Grant to Mauger Norton of the receivership of Richmondshire, Northumberland and Durham.

Note of gift of 1,050*l.* to Marmaduke Darcy.

Note that when any sum is advanced on privy seal, a clause should be added to the privy seal directing the sum to be recorded in the Exchequer, that the King may not be doubly charged therewith.

Grant to Orlando Bridgeman, in reversion after W. (?) Rumbold and George Nicholas, of the surveyorship general of the customs. [*Dom. Corresp.*, Jan. 1667, Vol. *CLXXXIX*, No. 129.]

May. Pass for Guillaume De Nausat to come to England about his occasions. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 468.]

May. Pass for Johan Van Messen and Aan Hoets. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 468.]

May. 129. Pass for M. De Flamerin and his servants to land in any port
Whitehall. in England, and proceed on their journey.

[May.] 130. The Council to [Edw. Villiers, governor of Tynemouth Castle]. Their order of the 10th instant, requiring him to liberate his prisoner, Sam. Moyer, on taking the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and to engage him to attend Council to give security for his future loyalty, has missed him, though he was in town. He is now to order all military officers where Moyer is to suspend obedience to the same.

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131. Minute of a letter from the Secretary to Sir George Carteret, Navy treasurer, ordering the Navy Comrs. to commence the accounts for the Dutch war from 1 Sept. 1664; the King will afterwards declare when the charge of preparations began.

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132. The Officers of the Works to the King. The grant of the petition of the City of London for free liberty to fetch Portland stone from what quarries they please would be very injurious, as the quarries would be so destroyed that when His Majesty wanted stone to proceed in his intended works at Whitehall or elsewhere, it could not be had but at excessive prices. Suggest that all requests of the City for stone be referred to the Surveyor of Works, to issue warrants for certain quarries, reserving others, and that the City petition for stone be referred for report to the Officers of Works.

May?

133, 134. [Viscount Conway] to ———. Acknowledges his letter of Nov. 13, 1663. His wife has been confined to bed ever since; was forced to return to his command in Ireland, on the alarm of a French invasion; was thence employed on business to London, but found such a difference since the burning, that he could not convey letters to him. Was put into a commission, but obliged to neglect it, his wife being reported to be on the point of death. Endorsed, "To be translated into French." [*Two drafts, damaged.*]

May.

135. Thos. Stollard, of the Milkmaid, to the Navy Comrs. Asks for an order to the storkeeper at Deptford to supply a boat of four or six oars for his flyboat. [*Adm. Paper.*]

May.

Papers relating to Thos. Hunt, of Portsmouth, [*Adm. Papers,*] viz:—

136. Information of John Brissett, late boatswain of the York, that Henry Laban, carpenter of the Mars, sold an anchor belonging to that ship to Thos. Hunt, living at the Point at Portsmouth, who paid Laban's wife 6*l.* for it. Taken before St. J. Steventon. April 30, 1667.

137. Information of George Hawkes, late cook of the Mars. Missed an anchor, and was told it was gone to the Constant Warwick; said to John Lane, gunner of the said prize, who was at his house in London, "You are a notable blade indeed that could sell the anchor, and not afford me so much as a drink out of it;" wherunto Lane replied, "he had but 25*s.* for his share of it."

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138. Letter from Pepys, in short hand, with reference to Hunt's embezzlements and the informations of persons named. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

May.

139. Balance sheet of the account of Henry Johnson, for building the Warspite, and fitting the Newcastle, Reserve, and Portland. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

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Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson of King's and merchants' ships in the Downs, the state of the wind, time of receipt and dispatch of the mails, &c.:

No.	Date.	King's	Merchants'	Wind.	Mails.		Remarks.
					Arrival.	Dispatch.	
140	May 1	1	0	S.W.	April 30, 6 P.M.	5 P.M.	Five or six Ostenders have passed through, two being men-of-war.
141	6	2	1	N.W.	May 6, 1 A.M.	5 P.M.	15 Dutch men-of-war chased the Blackmoor to the North Foreland, but she escaped.
142	8	3	9	S.E.	8, 5 P.M.	6 P.M.	Wants a new deputation for the Deal letter office.
143	9	2	1	S.E.	9, 3 P.M.	6 P.M.	
144	10	2	1	S.W.	10, 5 A.M.	6 P.M.	
145	11	2	1	S.W.	None.	5 P.M.	
146	15	5	2	S.W.	None.	6 P.M.	Three vessels have passed through the Downs.
147	19	0	0	E.	None.	6 P.M.	All the ships sailed yesterday.
148	20	1	0	N.E.	None.	6 P.M.	The Blackmoor is sailing northward.
149	21	1	0	N. by W.	21, 6 P.M.	7 P.M.	The Mary has passed southward.
150	22	1	0	S.E.	None.	5 P.M.	
151	23	1	0	S.W.	23, 5 P.M.	6 P.M.	Some Hamburgers and Ostenders have passed; also the Roebuck, with eight vessels laden with ammunition; 60 Hollanders ride at the Texel.
152	24	1	0	N.E.	24, 6½ P.M.	7 P.M.	
153	26	1	0	S.E.	None.	5 P.M.	
154	27	1	0	E.	None.	6 P.M.	A Venetian ship bound for New England and a Swede are in the Downs.
155	28	1	0	N.E.	28, 4 P.M.	6 P.M.	
156	29	1	0	N.W.	29, 6 P.M.	6½ P.M.	
157	30	1	0	N.	30, 3 P.M.	5 P.M.	Four or five ships are coming in from South Foreland.
158	31	1	0	S.	None.	6 P.M.	

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June 1.
Weymouth.

1. John Pocock to James Hickey. A fleet of 70 ships has been discovered, lying some leagues off the isle of Wight.

June 1.
Southampton.

2. W. Cole to Williamson. Being often from home, fears to be unable to keep up a weekly correspondence with him, as requested by Mr. Lysle.

June 1.
Lyme.

3. Anth. Thorold to James Hickey. The King's birthday and restoration day was solemnly observed at Lyme. The trained bands marched in arms to church, where a suitable sermon was preached to them and the mayor and his brethren; then the great guns were

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fired. Some prisoners who have returned from St. Malo say that peace is concluded with England. The passage of some released French prisoners going from Exeter to Weymouth makes the people believe it, inasmuch that they begin to make and buy drapery apace, and it is advanced 10 per cent.

June 1.
Whitehall.

4. Sir Rob. Murray to Lord Arlington. A multitude of insuperable diversions have taken up his time, and prevented his waiting on him. Reminds him of Count Uhaldini [Walder], whose modesty is not importunate. Thanks for the noble favour he has shown the Count; needs not say anything farther to excite his generosity.

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5. Deposition of Thos. Curzon, of Carlisle. Being employed as George Williamson's deputy to collect hearth money, distrained the goods of Blanche Forester, of Stapleton, whose late husband had collected the hearth money and owed 10s.; she refused to pay, and complained of the distress to Sir George Fletcher, who ordered its removal, said that Williamson had no power to make a deputy, and that he should have distrained himself, and threatened to commit the deponent to gaol if he distrained within his ward.

June 1.
Sunderland.

6. Ben. Francis to Williamson. Three capers are cruising off the coast, and the coal fleet dares not stir out; protection is speedily expected from Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron, which is in Leith Road. Hopes one of the frigates at Shields will attack a dogger now in the roads, but their long lying has so dispersed their men that they are not fit to engage.

June 1.
Bridlington.

7. John Bower to James Hickey. Notices of ships; great shooting has been heard off Whitby, but the cause is not known as yet.

June 1.
Newcastle.

8. Rich. Forster to Williamson. There was no truth in the report of Sir Jeremy Smith having engaged the Dutch. The *Elias* has sent into port a small prize said to be a Dane, but she pretends to belong to Holstein.

June 1.
Dover.

9. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. A small privateer has brought in a great flyboat of 250 tons, laden with wine, brandy, Spanish wool, &c.; she professes to be a Swede, and had a pass in December last, from the Swedish resident in London, to go to Gottenburg or Dantzic, but has since been twice to France. Several privateers, not understanding his pass, which was in Latin, let him go, with a little loss by plunder. Sir Wm. Jennings has brought in two suspected prizes.

June 1.
Pembroke.

10. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Has no news.

[June 1.]
Portsmouth.

11. Sir Godfrey Lloyd to Lord Arlington. The French fleet is said to be in the Channel, and going towards Guernsey and Jersey. Hopes to be ready to perform his duty, if their intentions are that way. *Annexing*.

11. I. *Postscript that five English ships are in sight which, may give the certainty of the report.* June 1, 4 a.m.

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June 1. 12. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Guernsey has gone to
Harwich. convoy some colliers for the Humber.
- June 1. 13. List of 35 coasters cleared at Newcastle during the preceding
Deal. fortnight.
- June 1. Pass for the William and Anne of Bristol to New England and
back. [*Ent. Book* 25, f. 14 b.]
- June 1. 14. Jonas Shish to [the Navy Comrs.] Has viewed a lighter
laden with deals taken out of the Half Moon, and finds them fit for
the service. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 1. 15. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Some small French
men-of-war put the Eaglet ketch on shore at Guernsey, but she was
got off without loss. A Swede and Ostender report that they left
the French fleet athwart of the Start on Tuesday last; if true, the
winds may have brought them through the Channel, and then there
is no convoy that could convoy the stores. Hopes the ship at
Bristol is otherwise provided than by those stores, or God help us.
The Treasury Comrs. are promised 10,000*l.* on loan, all which, and
more hoped for will be applied to the naval service. The Exchequer
have recommended the Navy Treasurer to consult them as to the
payments to be made. Hopes they (the Navy Comrs.) will shortly
be in a better condition, especially if they pay off the unnecessary
growing charge. They are to give his Royal Highness an account
of what books have been regularly made up, which is a thing often
recommended by him, and the omission whereof is one of the
greatest irregularities of the Navy, for they never know what money
they have, nor what they want; they are to be sparing in sending
certificates to the Exchequer, the prices upon which, when the pay-
ment is remote, must of necessity be extravagant. [*Adm. Paper*
1½ pages.]
- June 1. 16. Sir Wm. Coventry to Mr. Parker, muster master. Approves
his diligence in the muster of ships at Hull. If any pursers deny
or delay giving their books, Sir Jer. Smith will give orders for
remediying it. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 1. 17. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Has signed the imprest
Bristol. bill for 600*l.* made payable to Joseph Langton, and will receive the
money of Sir Thos. Langton, mayor of Bristol, when paid by them.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 1. 18. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships.
Ipswich. Promises the accounts next week. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 1. 19. Capt. Ric. Rooth to the Navy Comrs. Has shown a copy of
Bristol. the boatswain and carpenter's indent to Mr. Furzer, who promises
to complete the allowance of stores. Hopes they will furnish him
with orders to do so, and with money for the discharge of his credit.
Thanks for their promise to see the writer's bill for arrears punctu-
ally answered. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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June 1. 20. Sir John Knight to the Navy Comrs. The *St. David* stays
Bristol. only for the carpenter and boatswain's stores, and the *Dartmouth* is
nearly ready. Wants orders to their commanders to go to sea.
Sends a certificate of the ability of John Painter, master of the
Dartmouth, to be master of the *St. David*, in the room of Mr. Guest,
who is to be transferred to the *Dartmouth*, but it will be a great
hardship to turn Mr. Guest out of the *St. David*, after all his
care and ability, and without committing any offence, and place
Mr. Painter, who is not so able, in his stead. Requests that each
of them may remain as they now are. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 1. 21. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of five ships named.
Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 1. 22. Edw. Rundells to the Navy Comrs. Sends the names and ad-
dresses of 12 house carpenters who were pressed for the yard at
Woolwich, but never appeared; also of five, who deserted their work.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 2. 23. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Lord Belaysse has gone
Hull. to his country house, and Col. Gilby with him, but they will be
back in two or three days. The *Swallow* will soon be ready to sail.
Sir Jer. Smith's squadron has passed Tynemouth bar. Arrival and
departure of vessels; two ships have been seen on the Dogger Sands.
[1½ pages.]
- June 2. 24. O. Lindsey to James Hickey. The governor of Dartmouth
Dartmouth. has received letters from Mount's Bay, Falmouth, and Plymouth, to
say that 37 sail of the French fleet have appeared, which sent several
shallops well manned, to attempt the shore, but they were beaten
off by the country people, encouraged by Major Maderen.
- June 2. 25. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. Some say the French fleet
Falmouth. were 30, some 60 sail; they shot some guns ashore in the West, but
did no hurt. There is very much talk of an absolute peace con-
cluded with France. The *Swallow* of Pendennis has chased six or
seven small vessels upon the French coast, but could not take any,
the country people coming to rescue them. The sea is full of French
men-of-war.
- June 2. 26. M. Scott to Williamson. Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron
Berwick. coming before Leith put the country in great fear, but he quieted
them by sending some of his officers ashore. The shooting heard
was occasioned by a great fog, which caused the men-of-war to fire
to keep together. On the Restoration day, the mayor of Berwick
and his brethren went formally to church, the cannons were dis-
charged, bells rung, and a great bonfire made in the market-place.
At the Tolbooth or Guildhall, the mayor and his brethren met the
governor, Lord Widdrington, and his Lady, and drank the King's
health in sack, French wine and sugar, provided by the town.

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June 2.
Dover. 27. Warham Jemmet, sen., to Sir Phil. Frowde. The enclosed gives the reason why the expresses have only just arrived. *Encloses,*
27. 1. *Walter Feneis to [Warham Jemmet, sen.] Landed the mail at Margate, June 1, and wished to come to Dover the same night with the express, but could not have a horse in the town, and could not send it to London, because it was directed to Capt. Jemmet. Dover, June 2, 1667.*
- June 2.
Dover. 28. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Sir Philip Frowde. The Flanders mail was forced to land at Margate. Lord Arlington's letters, being addressed under cover to the writer, were sent to him overland, and thence forwarded to his lordship by express; fears they will be retarded by the careless postmasters. It would save time and horse hire if Lord Arlington's letters were addressed to himself, not to the writer.
- June 2.
10 P.M. 29. Post label of an express from the Earl of Suffolk to Lord Arlington, ordering its immediate dispatch by the postmaster of Ipswich.
- June 2.
Darl. 30. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The French have taken two towns in Flanders. The Sapphire and a privateer belonging to the Duke of Monmouth have arrived.
- June 3. 31. Sir Philip Musgrave to Williamson. Wishes to return his many favours. For three years has kept one or more persons in fee, to give intelligence of what passes among factious people, and has spent 20*l.* therein; will proceed or desist, as directed. Reminds him of one Elton, sent prisoner to Carlisle by the Lord General's order, who is an ill man, and so poor that he could not subsist without the charity of those he accounts enemies.
- June 3.
Whitehall. 32. Petition of John Hyde, attorney of Common Pleas, to the King, for pardon for the outlawry pronounced against him at Norwich assizes for the crime of barrettry, of which he was unjustly convicted at suit of certain persons who employed him, and owe him fees and moneys; had not his witnesses ready, but if a new trial were lawful, could easily prove his innocence. With reference thereon to Attorney General Palmer, and his report, June 28, 1667, in favour of the petitioner as unjustly accused, and only subject to a small fine, which His Majesty may remit if he please.
- June 3. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 251.*]
- June 3. Royal assent to the election of Dr. Benj. Lancy, now Bishop of Lincoln, to be Bishop of Ely, in the room of Dr. Matthew Wren. [*Docquet.*]
- June 3. Warrant to pay to Edw. Progers, groom of the bedchamber, as the King's free gift, 44*8*l.**, being the fines due for leasing the manor of East Moulsey, Surrey, the two ferries called Hampton Court ferry and Hampton ferry, and the fishing in Cobham River. [*Docquet.*]

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June 3. Pass for Domingo, George, and Fras. Francia, Portuguese merchants, to go for France. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 468.]
- June 3.
Yarmouth. 33. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Arrival of the Guernsey, with 20 small vessels, and the Panther, a privateer set forth by Prince Rupert. Lord Townshend has sent word to the bailiffs of Yarmouth to secure their coast, as the Dutch fleet is out, so the guards are doubled. The Little Spy and Truelove are gone out to convoy the mackerel men.
- June 3.
Aldborough. 34. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Notices of vessels; two Dutch men-of-war are plying up and down. A Dane laden with deals for London, having the Duke of York's pass, was on the Dogger Sands, and two Dutch men-of-war took away all her provisions and drink, and used her very discourteously, saying she was going for England and not Ostend, as she pretended.
- June 3.
Deal. 35. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Governor Titus, of Deal Castle, is said to have received a packet from Whitehall, at 3 a.m., that the Duke of Beaufort with 60 sail is at the Isle of Wight, and the Dutch with 40 sail at the Gunfleet. Preparations are made to receive the enemy if they attempt to land. All men stand amazed, and black-mouthed people talk much; all trade is stopped, and the outward-bound ships are sailing for the Thames, Dover, or Sandwich. The wind is high, between south and west.
- June 3.
Barnstable. 36. P. Manaton to Williamson. Some small Flushing privateers which lie skulking near the Isle of Lundy have taken six small barks belonging to Cornwall, coming from Ireland, laden with bullocks, sheep, wool, and tallow.
- June 3.
Pendennis. 37. Fias. Bellott to Williamson. Several French men-of-war are at sea, between the western coast and the coast of France. The Mermaid and another frigate have sent a boat ashore to press men, and are gone again to sea. The western coast is very vigilant, fearing the enemy's landing.
- June 3.
Swansea. 38. John Man to Williamson. The news of several French pickeroons cruising about Land's End has stopped the vessels of Plymouth, Swansea, and the neighbouring ports, but they are preparing to sail to Tenby Road, to wait the protection of the Revenge privateer; 20 laden colliers are resolved to venture about land.
- June 3. 39. "Advices received," being notes from letters all calendared above. [*1½ pages.*]
- June 3.
Bristol. 40. John Badcock to the Navy Comrs. The ship building goes on very slowly, Mr. Baylie not having above 12 men at work, and no timber to employ any more. Has given him a certificate for money. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 3.
Bristol. 41. Fras. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Asks payment on Mr. Badcock's certificate of money due towards building a third-rate frigate. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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June 3. 42. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. Has had Mr. Price, receiver of Herefordshire, before the Treasury Comrs. He professes to owe the King above 2,000*l.*, and to desire to pay it, but though he has a good estate in land, he cannot raise the money, his land being too remote. He offers a mortgage, with a satisfactory title on his land. Asks whether Beckford or some of the great creditors of the Navy would not be glad to take this money in payment. Mr. Price is in custody, and likely to continue so till the King is satisfied. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 3. 43. George Pley, jun., to the Navy Comrs. Has a parcel of canvas
Weymouth. to dispose of at the price they gave for the last, which is 10 per cent. less than he can sell it at to the merchants for ready money, besides avoiding the risk by sea in sending it to Portsmouth. Is reflected on because his factor refused to load some goods on his vessel for Mr. Browne, who might freight a vessel, having several passes from His Royal Highness; had not room on his vessels for all his own goods. Many merchants there expected great effects from Mr. Browne's promises, and are incensed that there is no appearance of their concerns. Is very tender of speaking what he knows, but would not have Mr. Browne lay his miscarriage on others. Has been industrious in the King's service beyond sea, and has not failed in getting home goods, both during the great arrests in the beginning of the wars, when he sent so many ships at once to Portsmouth, and surmounted those manifold difficulties, and ever since the war. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 3. 44. S. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Explains omissions, &c., in his
Plymouth. accounts. Cannot meet with the pursers, nor obtain the times of their entering into sea victualling, which will tend to their own inconvenience, in the want of a certificate for the extra necessary money. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 3. 45. Certificate by Thos. Lewis, that Robert Boyce never indented
Victualling for victuals for the Yarmouth frigate, nor any other ship. George
Office. Taylor, lately dismissed, went as his deputy, but never appeared to clear his account. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 3. 46. Edw. Sherburne and Jonas Moore to the Navy Comrs.
Ordnance Ask that a piece of decayed fir timber, lying at Blackborow's wharf,
Office. may be sold to Giles Gilbert, as it will be very useful to him in cleansing the moat about the Tower. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 3. 47. Capt. Fran. Courtenay to the Navy Comrs. Hopes they will
Happy Return, not account him too great an offender, in stopping the incessant
Hope. requests of some necessitated persons for relief of their families. Has granted tickets to 13 men named, and commends them to favour. Is setting sail with the Portugal Ambassador, who came on board this morning. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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June 3.
Mossmouth
yacht,
Leith Road.

48. Sir Jer. Smith to the Navy Comrs. The *Amity* was repaired and is gone to the coast of Ireland. Has examined the difference between the muster masters and the pursers; has no great kindness for pursers, yet will not condemn where he finds them not to be blamed. The muster master did not give them a quarter of an hour's notice; they had not such books as he demanded, and he would accept of none but Navy Office books, and for these they must pay 10s. a piece; he has delivered them such books; believes they have satisfied his desires. Will take care that all things are done according to his Royal Highness's instructions. Never heard of Capt. Lee's being at Hull; he was lately at Leith, about going out in a privateer; if he can meet with him, shall not fail to let him know what is required of him as to clearing his victualling account. Is in great want of masts, cables, &c.; ships come out of the river very ill fitted. Takes care there is no wasteful expense for stores. The boatswain of the *Amity* was brought before a court martial for neglect of duty, &c., and displaced, and Malachi Salmon appointed in his room. Complains of the want of beer, and asks them to press Mr. Gauden about it, as the frigates cruising abroad are expected in shortly, and there will be no beer for them, unless it be ordered from Newcastle. At Leith they are not willing to brew any. The Robert fire-ship sails heavily, and is good for nothing. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

June 4.
Dover.

49. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Sends last month's account for victualling. Has delayed doing so, expecting seven vessels laden with 287 tuns of beer to arrive, to take in 30,000 pounds of biscuit for Portsmouth, which he intended to have entered. Asks for leave to come to London to obtain his salary. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 4.
Plymouth.

50. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of ships. The *Mermaid* brought in a prize. Sends an account of the Greenwich and Duke's pleasure boats. Has refused to sign several other accounts, Mr. Lanyon being too profuse in several particulars, to his own advantage and His Majesty's loss, and giving no credit for what he receives of the boatswains, &c. Asks for a convenience for his clerk to keep accounts of things issued and received. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 4.
Bristol.

51. Susanna Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Her husband does his utmost to complete the building of the ship; they are misinformed as to there being only 12 men at work, her husband having above 60, and a great many more will be set to work when he comes home, for the dispatch of the ship. The whole country knows that he uses all diligence for forwarding the work. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 4.
Lewes.

52. Sam. Rose to the Navy Comrs. Can bring a person to swear that the sails brought into Brighthelmstone by George Hodder of that town are the King's goods. Asks whether they will proceed to condemn, or whether he shall enter them in the Exchequer, and whether, if he should seize the vessel that brought them, it will

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prove a good seizure without their warrant. There has been much of this trade in the town; some one should be deputed to look after it; shall be diligent if they think him fitting. The carrier lies at the Tabard in Southwark, and comes out every Thursday at 12 o'clock. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 4.

53. List [by Pepys] of 42 ships, whose books are made up, and which have been paid to July 31, 1665; also of 126 whose books are not made up. Copied from a paper of Lord Brouncker's. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

June 4.

54. Copy of a portion of the above list. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 4.
The Milkmaid,
Kinsale.

55. Capt. Thos. Stollard to the Navy Comrs. Is not acting without instructions, but on orders from Sir Wm. Coventry and Sir Thos. Allin. Is unloading his stores. Will load in the Kilmar or Shannon River, but cannot stir without a convoy; it is a difficult part of the land, and two men-of-war lie within a quarter of a mile of the harbour's mouth, having taken some fishermen out of their boats. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 4.
Newcastle.

56. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The laden colliers will be sore put to it to get money to maintain the men aboard. To day is the first day of the races, but there is small appearance of the neighbouring gentry. The Duke of Buckingham has two horses that will run. Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron is in Leith Road; he sends out five or six at once to cruise.

June 4.
Minehead.

57. John Maurice to James Hickes. Arrival of vessels from Ireland, laden with cattle, sheep, and wool. The Marygold of Watehet, bound for Ireland, was taken by two small Flushingers. Complains of having to pay 18*d.* for a small letter from Dublin. The silly woman at the Taunton post office abuses others as well as himself.

June 4.
Leith Road.

58. Sir Jer. Smith to Williamson. Has arrived with 17 vessels in all, but the foggy weather made the voyage tedious; a Scotch privateer cruising on the coast of Norway saw only three vessels, and chased one on to a rock, where it sank. The frigates are all cruising in the stations where they may do most service. The Elias has sent in to Newcastle a vessel laden with deals.

June 4.
Pirby.

59. Sutton Oglethorpe to Williamson. Thanks for his advice; his wife has written to Lord Arlington accordingly; depends on his influence. Thinks Lady Carr will speak again to his lordship, who will do it from relationship to the writer's wife. If no immediate employment is found for him, would yet remove to London and wait his time.

June 4.
Harwich.

60. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Asks if it be true that the King and Duke of York are coming to Harwich. Wants an allowance equivalent to his trouble about the prizes; thinks he deserves as much as the Commissioners for London.

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June 4. 61. Sir Robt. Holmes to Williamson. The York and Dragon have
Portsmouth. brought in two vessels likely to prove prizes. Greatly wants timber
for the works at Sandham Fort; an order was given for 250 tons
from the New Forest, but countermanded by occasion of the
Ordnance Officers, who pretend that it is not wanted; would cheat
in greater matters than this, if he had a mind to cheat the King.
Forty ships, supposed to be the French fleet, have been seen plying
to the westward; has sent to make discoveries. Thanks Lord
[Arlington] for the order for the frigate. Hopes she will soon bring
in a prize that will make them all the better for it. [*1½ pages.*]
- June 4. 62. G. Drapiron to Viscount Conway. The Earl of Anglesey is
London. well and going abroad. The Hamburg resident will forward the
letter to the resident of Brandenburg, who is gone to Holland. Will
send some wine and his lordship's clothes; has sent my Lady's
letters to the Cambridge carrier.
- June 4. 63. Willm. Hurt to Williamson. The Mayor of Dartmouth took
London. bail for the prisoner; requests him to peruse the Act, and say
whether this can be done. Is returning to Dartmouth.
- June 4. 64. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The French have 60,000 men in
Dover. Flanders, and are daily expected to lay siege to Brussels; they
were approaching, but 10,000 Flemish boors got into a wood near,
well armed, to fall on their back if they sat down before the city.
De Beaufort's fleet is expected to besiege Ostend and Nieuport. Sir
Wm. Jennings of the Sapphire is sailing towards the Thames, having
discovered 40 or 50 French sail coming from the southward.
- June 4. 65. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. The Drake has brought in a
Plymouth Fort. pretended Hamburger, laden with Canary wine, and the pleasure
boat a pretended Ostender, laden with wine and brandy; they may
probably prove prizes. Rear-Admiral Kemphorne's squadron is
ready to sail the first fair wind.
- June 4. 66. ——— Parant, junior, to Louis Parant, of London. Is
Plymouth. sorry not to have received earlier the order to redeem certain
vessels, as the sale is to-morrow. The Exeter prisoners will be
liberated according to order, except the two masters, for whom the
100 livres tournois each is not enough; they owe money and are
accused of having taken away a boat worth 10*l*. Asks instructions for
the embarkation and provision of these Exeter sailors. [*French.*]
- June 4. 67. Sir W. Coventry to Williamson. Considering that both
Dutch and French fleets are abroad, mischievous consequences may
result from printing any account of the King's men-of-war coming
into port or plying to and fro; it is dangerous when we suffer them
to be masters of the seas, though allowed when we made war by
great fleets. No mention should be made of the ships which take
prizes, but only of the prizes taken. If any news be printed except
under Williamson's direction, Lord Arlington should have the King's

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1667. instructions therein. These orders are to extend to the written intelligences which are weekly spread through the kingdom. [*Damaged.*]
- June 4. Pass for the Marquess Cugnac and servants to go to France; procured by Dr. Durel. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 468.*]
- [June 5.] 68. Warrant to the Attorney General. He is to prepare a privy seal to the following effect to the Treasury Comrs. and Exchequer Officers. The King having farmed the customs to Sir John Wolstenholme and others, they advanced 200,000*l.*, which was applied to the Navy and Ordnance, for carrying on the war; this should have been repaid from the poll money, but that has also been applied to the war; also several sums are registered for the same purpose on the 11 months' tax, including 380,000*l.* for wages and salaries of mariners, before any is taken to His Majesty's use. After these payments, the 200,000*l.* is to be paid to persons specified, in several sums, chiefly for the royal households, including 30,000*l.* for Tangiers, and 68,820*l.* to Sir Stephen Fox. [*Three sheets.*]
- June 5. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 469-474.*]
- June 5. 69. The King to the Aldermen and Common Council of London. Recommends them to choose Sir Wm. Bolton, lord mayor, surveyor-general of all works rebuilding in the city, to quicken private persons to regulate the models of public buildings, &c., he having shown great zeal and experience in the work. [*1½ pages.*]
- Whitehall.
- June 5. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 242.*]
- [June 5.] 70. Draft of the above.
- June 5. 71. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs to permit Rob. Sinclair and other merchants of Edinburgh to unlade and sell in any English port the wines on the St. Matthew, taken prize on returning from Bourdeaux, they having given security to answer the value, if the Admiralty Court pass sentence against them.
- Whitehall.
- June 5. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 25, f. 14 b.*]
- June 5. Warrant from Sec. Morice to Anthony Brockholes and Bennet Richards, of his Royal Highness's Guards, to convey Gregory De la Croix, a Capuchin friar, to Dover, and deliver him to the Mayor. [*Ent. Book 28, f. 4 b.*]
- Whitehall.
- June 5. Sec. Morice to the Mayor of Dover. He is to see De la Croix shipped on the next packet boat to Calais, and charge the master of the packet to deliver him, immediately on his arrival, to the Superior of the Capuchins at Calais, and bring a certificate of his delivery. [*Ent. Book 28, f. 4 b.*]
- Whitehall.
- June 5. 72. Account of the King's bounty bestowed on flag officers and 15 captains of ships since Oct. 26, 1666, from prize ships and goods.
- June 5. 73. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. Sir Phil. Honeywood has returned, and will correspond with him once a week, and desires news in exchange. Sir Philip is still indisposed.
- Portsmouth.

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June 5.
7 P.M.
Post Office.

74. D. Neile to [Williamson]. Explains the reason why the mail from Nienport has not come in earlier. It landed at Deal, and the post boy had several miscarriages in coming from Dartford. The letters for the King, Duke, and Duchess came loose in the Paris bag.

June 5.
Exeter.

75. P. Travedot to M. Parant. Has received his letter of change and paid for 276 prisoners, who stay for four days; has bought 26 coats, which come to 11s. each. Asks whether to pay those who are on parole, and what is to be done with 55 prisoners from St. Malo, brought there three days ago; sends a list of those who have had clothes and of shoes, and of those dead; the prisoners run away daily. [French.]

June 5.
Weymouth.

76. John Pocock to Williamson. A Hamburger says that he left the French fleet of 50 or 60 sail plying to and fro in Mount's Bay. Another report is that there are 27 sail, and it is not sure that they are French; an express was sent thereon to the Mayor of Weymouth.

June 5.
Weymouth.

77. C. S[awtell] to Edm. Sawtell. An Ostender has seen the French fleet in Mount's Bay; a West country boat saw them and thought them about 36 or 38. A tumult arose at Dorchester, because a fellow pulled down a sign of an inn, which had set up the Pope instead of the Red Lion: the mayor imprisoned the man, but not for long.

June 5.
Falmouth.

78. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. The Little Gift has brought in ships from Ireland and Zante; notices of other ships.

June 5.
Falmouth.

79. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the above, and part of his letter to Hickes of June 2nd.

June 5.
Pembroke.

80. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. Trade is stopped at Pembroke, and throughout the whole of the Severn, because of some petty French and Dutch privateers; seven vessels lie at Plymouth, and dare not go to sea for want of a convoy.

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81. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

June 5.
West Cowes.

82. John Lysle to Williamson. The Have-at-all privateer has brought in two French fishermen, who say that the fleet of 60 French merchantmen, with one convoy, is bound part for Newfoundland, and part for Rochelle to fetch salt; Sir Rob. Holmes has departed for Portsmouth, and will make an attempt on them with some frigates. There are no men-of-war about Guernsey.

June 5.
Lynn.

83. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. The coast is free of privateers, but the non-arrival of the laden colliers makes it feared that the Hollanders are about Tynemouth Haven.

June 5.
Dublin.

84. G. W. to Williamson. Three frigates have left Kinsale for Limerick, to convoy the East India ship thence to the West ports of England. The country is in peace and quietness.

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June 5. 85. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Notices of ships. An Ostender
Yarmouth. met at sea by night a fleet thought to be the Dutch; he reports
that the French have taken Fuern, near Nieupoort in Flanders,
and that hundreds of English soldiers have landed at Ostend to
enter the Spanish service. Wishes to buy a fisher-boat prize, which
will else lie and be spoiled.
- June 5. 86. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared above.
Norwich. [1½ pages.]
- June 5. 87. William Blaydes to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of ships.
Hall. Wants instructions; did all by Sir Jer. Smith's appointment while
he was there; has not received the money ordered, which puts him
to a great strait, the business taking his and his servant's whole
time. Cannot subsist without his money, and some consideration
for his services. Asks whether he shall fall to work on the Oxford.
[Adm. Paper.]
- June 5. 88. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Finding the boatswain
Bristol. has more sails on board than allowed, has forbidden the delivery of
those left on shore. Having taken up 80 hammocks before the 200
came down, he has now 280, but the inventory of his stores speaks
but of 150. The sailmaker comes daily for the money due on his
contract. The extreme want of money is such that there is no
living in quiet, by reason of the sad complaints of poor men, and
nothing can be had without ready money. [Adm. Paper.]
- June 5. 89. Certificates by Capt. Abraham Ansley and Rich. Garrett,
purser, that John Antelby, surgeon of the Delph prize, had not re-
ceived any free gift, imprest money, or recruit of medicines, between
10 June 1665 and 8 June 1666. [Adm. Paper.]
- [June 5.] 90. Like certificate by Edm. Cottrell that he received nothing
from 11 June 1666 to 5 June 1667. [Adm. Paper.]
- June 5. 91. J. Sotherne to Wm. Hewers, Navy Office. Sends a paper given
to his master [Sir Wm. Coventry] by the Lord General, and omitted
to be sent with his master's letter of 24 May. [Adm. Paper.] En-
closing,
91. 1. *Affidavit by Thomas Zundell, soldier in the Duke of Al-
bemarle's company, before Sir John Robinson, lieutenant
of the Tower, that he delivered his ticket for his wages for
services at sea in the Royal Charles to Mr. Curkase of the
Navy Office, about five months since, and has not received
any money due thereon, neither knows what has become
of it.* 22 March 1667.
- June 5. 92. Sir John Denham, John Webb, and Francis Wethered, officers
Office of of Works, to the Navy Comrs. Desire they will state the wages to
Work. be paid to the masters and company of the galliots, and what vic-
tuals and other charges His Majesty has been at, so that the writers,
having a precedent, may not be imposed upon when employing

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them upon their own account, being wholly inexperienced in such matters. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

92. I. *Deposition by Nicholas Weymouth, of the beginning and ending of sea victualling and petty warrant of the crew of the Black Posthorse galliot, from 13 March 1665 to 20 June 1667.*

92. II. *Like deposition by Christopher Ousely for the Macklean galliot.*

92. III. *Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. Sends particulars of victuals delivered to the Black Posthorse and Macklean galliots, between April 1665 and July 1667. 6 June 1667.*

June 5. 93. Capt. Rich. Uther to Thos. Hayter. Asks for 10 or 12 tickets, for which Mr. Colly will give his hand. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 6. 94. Ph. Pett to Sam. Pepys. Has examined the chest books, and Chatham. finds the baker's pension was stopped five years since, by order of the supervisors, for his denying the Oath of Supremacy and Allegiance, it being contrary to the institution of the chest to continue such pensioners. Has sent Thos. Lewsley to enquire what hargains of timber are to be had in the country, fit for the works of the second rate ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 6. 95. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Does not remember that his Royal Highness agreed to discharge any more ships in the river, but remembers proposing it. Next to the Happy Return, the Diamond ought to be paid, as she is ordered to convoy prisoners to Holland. Is sorry so great a sum as 3,000*l.* goes in one day to tickets; remembers when there were more tickets and less money made to serve turn in one day, but the importunity was not at the Treasury Office; paying tickets on shore stops no growing charge. Reminds them that his Royal Highness left it to them as well as the Treasurer, to consider the paying to the best advantage. The Montague and Bristol will be ready to receive the men of the Fairfax at Portsmouth, before the clerks and money are there. Prays them to cut off the growing charge, for till ships are in ordinary, the books will be full of men though the ships be empty. Suggests the discharge of some of the carpenters, but so as not to slacken the works on the new ships. The old Dutch ships can be of no use this year. Has been tender towards Capt. Tattershall in the last business, for what he has formerly well done, otherwise a messenger had gone for him. Wrote a letter which he believes frightened him pretty well. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

June 6. 96. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Franck, chaplain St. James's. of the Charles V., and the minister of the ordinary at Chatham both pretend to the groats of the guard ships. If the guard ships are in the ordinary, asks them to make provision for Mr. Franck otherwise, when any good ship becomes void. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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June 6. 97. Certificate by Thos. Lewis that Rich. Gibson has cleared his
Victualling account for victualling the Royal Exchange, to 13 Dec. 1665. [*Adm.*
Office.] *Paper.*
- June 6. 98. W. Bodham to the Navy Comrs. Recommends John Clothier
Woolwich as able and fitting to carry on the business left off by the Widow
Ropeyard. Lacy at Woolwich ropeyard; he works all the lines, oakum, &c.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 6. Warrant to the Lieutenant of Needwood Forest not to allow the
killing of any male deer for three years, except eight bucks to be
given to the forest officers and others specified; also to allow no
red deer nor game to be killed in the forest, and to enforce the
forest laws. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 476.]
- June 6. 99. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Cannot account for his packet
Dover. being three days in arriving. Mr. Foster, the postmaster, has
grown feeble, and his son-in-law, Henry Rous, who does the work,
is weary of it, there being so many packets and so little salary.
The alarm of 40 or 50 sail of French is blown away with the storm;
it was the mistake of a seaman, who saw some fishermen. The
Brussels citizens have sworn 40,000 of the inhabitants to defend
themselves. Young Mr. Jemmett and himself are willing to pay
money to have power to employ the packet boats, if old Mr. Jemmett
do not continue.
- June 6. 100. Rich. Browne to Williamson. No sails have been seen during
2 A.M. the storm; two French shallops are standing southward.
Aldborough.
- June 6. 101. Silas Taylor to Williamson. A violent storm has endangered
Harwich. the ships, but only one is damaged, which was in Ipswich water;
the storm sent off a French sloop and Dutch man-of-war, seen about
Bardsey.
- June 6. 102. Thos. Waade to Williamson. Thirty vessels have been lost
Whitby. between Sunderland and Scarborough, and six or seven near Whitby,
in the late tempest, which has been more terrible than any known
for 40 years. Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron is safe in Scotland,
and is reported to have taken some prizes. Would be glad of the
written news by Tuesday's post, but does not wish for the Gazette,
as it is 14 days old before it arrives.
- June 6. 103. John Man to Williamson. Some French privateers lying
Swansea. about Lundy Island took a tow, kept the master, and sent the men
on shore at Barnstaple, to procure money for the redemption of the
vessel and lading, taking out of her 100 sheep and other provisions
for themselves.
- June 6. 104. Sir J. Robinson to Sir Charles Harbord. Thos. Garrett is
Tower. still a prisoner in the Tower with Adam Lee, both committed by
Lord Arlington for attempting to break open one of the City
Counters, to redeem some of their fellow seamen who were in for
debt. They were tried at the Old Bailey, and the jury, by order

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of the Lord Chief Justice, found the matter special; they have been in the Tower four months since the trial; wishes their discharge, as they are able seamen and promise better obedience. With note, by Sir Charles Harbord, recommending their liberation and payment of their charges, as their offence was caused by their fellows being arrested for debt, for want of their pay.
- June 6. 105. Sir Willm. Davys to [Williamson]. Sends a paper for
Thursday. signature, and begs its speedy dispatch. Will undertake the fees.
- June 7. 106. Toussaint Payne and Jean Tourane to Louis Parant. The
Plymouth. vessels have been sold, but too dear; can do nothing now but retire to France; will have to wait two or three weeks for a boat going to Morlaix. Want a blank pass, in case they are able to leave earlier; will give an obligation for expenses, &c., to M. Balzaer. Pierre Poitvein salutes him. [*French.*]
- June 7. 107. — Parant, junior, to Louis Parant. Hopes the mayor [of
Plymouth. Exeter] will have dismissed the prisoners; the two masters retaken cannot be released without further order; they should pay their just debts. The vessels have sold too dear. Asks further orders about money for the masters. [*French.*]
- June 7. 108. Lord Arlington to the Treasury Comrs. Sends a letter of
Whitehall. exchange drawn on himself, by the King's order to Lord St. Alban's, which they are to accept, and comply with its contents in due time.
- June 7. 109. Ri. Watts to Williamson. A Dutch man-of-war with a
Deal. white flag has brought home Mr. Coventry, ambassador from Breda, who has come to bring the articles to sign, and will return in the ship in five days. The Dutch desire not to come on shore, and think the town full of soldiers; great care of watches is taken.
- June 7. 110. John Hill to James Hiekes. The storm has forced ashore
Burlington. 28 or 29 of the 90 sail which left for Newcastle; 20 are safe in Burlington, and some in Sunderland, but there is no news of the rest. The *Little Victory* has lost her masts. One privateer has been taken, and carried into the Humber.
- June 7 ? 111. J. Carlisle to [Williamson]. At 6 o'clock the whole Dutch
[Dover.] fleet, in two squadrons, is making for this harbour. God knows what the issue will be. [*Postscript to a letter.*]
- June 7. 112. Rowland Selby to Williamson. The Dutch fleet of 60 sail
Sandwich. is off North Foreland and making towards the land. The governors of Deal and Dover and Lord Hawley are now at Sandwich, have written to the Lord General and Sir Wm. Coventry, and are providing to receive the enemy.
- June 7. 113. [Col. Titus] to Lord Arlington. Hears from Broadstairs
Deal Castle. that the Dutch fleet of 40 or 50 sail is seen off the North Foreland. They are in good condition to defend themselves, and will soon be

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in better. Has five companies of his regiment ready, and will send for the rest on occasion. Lord Hawley is with him, and has 100 horse in readiness.

June 7.
S. F. M.,
Harwich.

114. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Dutch fleet of 65 or 66 sail is come to anchor in the Gunfleet. There are stories of vessels chased, but most are come in safe. Has not a vessel to gain intelligence. The Earl of Oxford is in town.

June 7.
Yarmouth.

115. Rich. Bower to Williamson. A Brighton vessel passed the Dutch fleet of 70 sail by the Longsands, riding so hard that their fore-castles were under water. Has not had a Gazette for a month; will get it elsewhere, if it be too much charge or trouble to supply him. The bailiffs have sent out the Little Spy, to see if they can discover the Dutch fleet.

June 7.
Plymouth Fort.

116. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne, with three or four frigates, went to ply westward, and met the Nonsuch, who gave intelligence of 20 sail of great French men-of-war off Mount's Bay. The frigates have returned.

June 7
Plymouth.

117. John Clarke to Williamson. The deputy lieutenants of the west of Devonshire are to meet at Plymouth to-morrow, and all the militia to be in arms, to withstand any attempt of the enemy on the coast. Understands that Sir John Skelton has information of their ships to the westward.

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118. John Clarke to James Hickey. To the same effect.

June 7.
Hull.

119. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Notices of vessels. Some light colliers riding in Burlington Bay have been driven ashore or to sea by the storm.

June 7.
Newcastle.

120. Rich. Forster to Williamson. There are 20 of the coal fleet with the Little Victory still ashore near Whitby, and there is great fear of the rest, 70 or 80 sail. The horse course is ended; no plate was brought in for Northumberland; the town's plate has been given to horses run by friends of the Duke [of Buckingham]; no other horses ran.

June 7.

121. "Advices," being notes of letters calendared above, and of one from Hull, June 5; The Oxford has brought in as prize a privateer of eight guns and 40 men, which was ordered to bring up all Swedes and Danes coming to or going from England. [2 pages.]

June 7.

Commission for George May to be ensign to Sir Thos. Woodcock at Windsor. Minute. [Ent. Book 20, p. 148.]

June 7.

Warrant to Lord Mordaunt to receive Sieur Gravier into custody, and keep him close prisoner. Minute. [Ent. Book 23, p. 474.]

June 7.

Warrant to John Bradley to deliver Sieur Gravier to Lord Mordaunt. Minute. [Ent. Book 23, p. 474.]

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- June 7. Declaration of the King's grant to Gisbert Petersen of licence to fish in the English seas and take the produce to Holland, provided he carry no letters, nor messages about public affairs, &c. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 475.*]
- June 7. Warrant for the repayment out of the 11 months' tax of 200,000*l.*, paid by His Majesty, for carrying on the present war. [*Docquet.*]
- June 7. 122. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Comrs. The warrants issued for Chatham. harbour provisions and ships in ordinary and extraordinary, from 25 Dec. to 24 May, being for 106,117 men for a day, at 6*d.* a man, amount to 2,652*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* Particulars of accounts prepared. Wm. Lidgold, jun., has been some time employed in the yard, but absented himself without leave, from 17 April till 30 May, refused any account of himself, and has not since been seen. It is the practice of too many of the workmen. Asks directions for the better discharging of his own duty, and keeping the men to theirs. Knows of no means to frighten them so much into a performance of their duty, as making every man who absents himself three musters without leave a runaway. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 8. 123. Capt. Thos. Blackman to Sam. Pepys. Was ordered to convoy Little Victory, 90 sail of colliers to Tynemouth Bar, but a storm arose; expected to Humber. have foundered, and was forced to keep to the pumps, having two feet of water in the hold; half the powder was spoiled; the ship should have another deck, being dangerous in a ground sea. Doubts the major part of the light ships received damage, as it was a dead shore they were upon the most part of the storm. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 8. 124. John Owen to the Navy Comrs. Sends an account of hemp Chatham. weighed and received from Sir John Shaw, out of three vessels Roperyard. named. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 8. 125. W. Bodham to Sir Wm. Batten. Asks the removal of five Woolwich. tons of shakings which lie much in the way, and will serve for Roperyard. wadding or oakum. Has 25 cwt. of fined ressed hemp, if they want it for calking at Deptford. Recommends John Clothier for a warrant for making twice laid stuff, Widow Lucy having given over that work because her son is fled for debt. [Mr. Pepys objects against him about Sir Wm. Rider's hemp, but he had the worst end of the stuff in that business, and is not blameworthy. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 8. 126. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. His Royal Highness desires them to defer payment of the Monmouth's men for a few days, judging that the ship with her guns, being brought within the chain or Chatham, may conduce to the safety of the river in case of an attempt, it being as yet uncertain what is the enemy's design, though certain they have some considerable design in view. Asks them to hasten the money to Portsmouth, and allow an officer of the Treasurer to attend, to receive and pay it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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June 8. 127. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Asks whether the
St. James's. purser of the Guinea was left behind through sickness or neglect ;
they must call upon his security to indemnify the King for the
short provisions; supposes he had the whole proportion delivered
him. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 8. 128. Dan. Furzer to the Navy Comrs. The dispute about
Bristol. finding stores, &c., for the St. David is not so much who should
do it, as how money shall be had, for none will stir hand or foot
except money appears. The business is thus shifted to him, so that
he must either stretch his credit or all must fall to the ground.
Neither the 600*l.* now ordering nor 600*l.* more will do the work ;
groans under the heavy burthen, and were it not that all depends
on him, and he will keep to the business till strength and credit fail,
could sit down and lament the condition in which he is placed ;
hopes yet to receive a recompense suitable to his service and
suffering. Encouraged the pilot to get the Dartmouth into Kingroad,
where she now lies. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 8. 129. John Badcock to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the
Bristol. ship building. Mr. Baylie is in the country providing timber, and
has laden several barges, which are expected next week. He has
few men at work, although there are plenty in the town, but they
will not work for him. He promises more than he will perform, as
the ship will not be ready to launch for eight months. [*Adm.
Paper.*]
- June 8. 130. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Sends his accounts for
Ipewich. May. No ships have victualled. They have neither baked nor brewed
since his last. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 8. 131. Sir George Carteret to the Navy Comrs. His Royal High-
Whitehall. ness desires that the three ships in the river ready to sail be paid to
1st August 1666, as the rest have been. Sends down money, being
part of the 7,000*l.* remaining of the 10,000*l.* received out of the
Exchequer. Asks them to appoint instruments to attend the pay,
and to let him know what amount they estimate it will take.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 8. 132. Edmond Harris, mayor of Rye, to the Navy Comrs. The
Rye. St. Andrew is broken up to the lower deck, and no possibility of
erecting a scaffold to take off the cheeks of the mast ; can appre-
hend no better way than to cut the mast as it is, as the cheeks are
fixed to it with spikes and ragged bolts. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 8. Pass, at the request of the French King, for the St. Michael,
Whitehall. laden with marbles for his buildings, from Genoa to Havre de Grace.
[*Ent. Book 25, p. 15.*]
- June 8. Warrant for a lease to Denzil Lord Holles of five hundreds, co.
Whitehall. Dorset, with tithing silver, profits of courts, &c. ; rent, 10*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*
[*Ent. Book 25, p. 17.*]

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June 8. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs for a pardon to Phil. Browne, merchant of London, for bringing into the port of London 5 cwt. of nutmegs, he not knowing that they were prohibited goods, and for a remission of the seizure thereof, on his paying the customs. [Ent. Book 25, p. 15 b.]

June 8. 133. News letter [from Holland]. There is much joy there for what causes great sorrow in England. The States have ordered their fleet to be strengthened, and militia and fire-ships are ordered at once. The English Ambassadors at Breda pretend they will go, though the treaty is not ended, but they are not believed, and peace is much desired. On news of the victory, the States ordered that no English be allowed to travel without the English Ambassador's passports. England may now open her eyes. [Dated June 8, but probably a mistake for June 18.]

June 8. 134. Lord Ashley to Wm. Wardour, clerk of the Pells. Asks what sums have been paid in for hearth money since 16th February, distinguishing between what was due before and what after Lady Day 1666.

[June 8.] 135. [Wm. Wardour] to Lord Ashley. States the moneys paid in by the receivers of 10 counties, &c., since 16th February 1667. [Copy.]

June 8. 136. Rich. Forster to James Hickey. There is great loss of ships on the Yorkshire coast, in which John Bower of Burlington shares. Asks news, if there be any worth writing.

June 8. 137. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Dutch fleet are all at anchor; it is flood tide, but they keep their station, contrary to their practice last summer. Can give small intelligence, as the prudent commissioner has parted with all the boats. They do not separate, but one of their vessels chased a Harwich hoy which escaped. A shipwright falsely reported that one of their vessels had struck on the West rocks.

June 8. 138. M. Gravier to [Williamson]. Begs him to give his letter to Lord Arlington and procure a reply. Has also written to the Duke of York. Is much surprised at his arrest; will not fathom the reasons of it, but be too glad to have his requests granted. Begs a reply. [French, 2 pages.] Encloses,

138. I. M. Gravier to [Lord Arlington]. Will not complain of his abode, but wants more liberty; can only walk in his room; his keeper is kind, but cannot let him walk without order of the governor, who is not there. Thinks he has given no cause of complaint, nor of repentance for the liberty granted him to remain in London on parole; knows not why he is put there, but wants to walk in the village; will write no letter without sending it to his lordship, nor receive any without showing it to the commander of the castle, and is willing to abide the

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utmost rigour if he fail of his promise. Is not a man to give umbrage; wants to go to France, on paying his ransom, to represent to the French King the state of the prisoners, who are a burden, and only wait ransom for their delivery. Has written every post to M. Colbert, but he is busy with the army in Flanders. [French, 2 pages.] Windsor Castle, June 8, 1667.

- June 8. 139. Rob. Mein to Williamson. A Scot, pressed from Kirkcaldy
Edinburgh. for the English fleet, asked leave to go on shore there for linen and other necessities, which was granted, but a guard sent with him; he tried to escape, but the guard fired at him and killed him. The captain of the frigate, coming on shore to see what was done, was seized by the rabble, but rescued by Capt. Mercer; the Lord Commissioner being informed, ordered the captain to be conveyed safely on board. The people take it ill that any are pressed, because some will go voluntarily, if Sir Jeremy Smith want men. Reports of 70 Dutch men-of-war off the coasts, while Sir Jeremy has only two vessels at Leith, the rest of his squadron being cruising abroad. Wm. Douglas, brother of the Laird of Blackerster, is found guilty, and is to be beheaded at Edinburgh Cross; but the Laird of Spot could not be tried, there not being an assize of baronets of his own quality.
- June 8. 140. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. Has received neither
Chester letter nor news from him for a month. Reminds him of the repairs
Castle. of Chester Castle, hindered by Lord Derby's non-performance of orders. There is still much trouble with Irish cattle; the justices of peace have had several meetings to quiet the country; has spent a day in Wirral hundred on that affair.
- June 8. 141. Fras. Malory to James Hickey. Two ships, supposed to be
Pembroke. Dutch men-of-war, have been seen off the harbour; there can be no inland news as long as the Land's End is so haunted with men-of-war.
- June 8. 142. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.
- June 8. 143. R. Yard to Williamson. Is detained by Fortune, who is cruel
Oswest. as well as blind, without the ability of serving him. Intends to sail for England with the Spanish convoy, the first wind.
- June 8. 144. Col. Edw. Villiers to Williamson. The surgeon's place which
Sunderland. Williamson requested for Mr. Bourby's son is disposed of to Dr. Mndd, an old physician who lives under the castle. The storm has destroyed many colliers, but it is hoped that many who were forced ashore all along the sea shore may be got off in the spring tides. Came to Sunderland to meet the deputy lieutenants, and has given Lord Arlington an account of what was done.
- June 8. 145. Pierre Ladvenu Dulepine to Louis Parant. To-day have
Winchester arrived 22 poor sailors taken on the 13th, who beg him to forward
Prison. their letter to M. Boucher, of Calais, for money for their deliverance;

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three are boys 13 years of age or under, who beg to be freed as the other little ones have been; these poor people would not have left their port but that they believed peace to be made. [*French*]

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Exeter.

146. P. Travedot to Monsieur Parant. The 40*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* in his account is an allowance of 3*d.* a day to the prisoners out on parole. Has also lent each money, which they promise to repay. Money transactions with French prisoners; some have had two sets of clothes, having escaped, and then being retaken, and deprived of all; cannot send the names of those who have had them, as the prisoners always fight for the clothes, and the strongest gets them. The 54 from Plymouth, who are poor, without clothes and subsistence, increase the number in that prison to 540, 322 of whom are French. Seven prisoners are liberated, and gone to Plymouth to embark; has a receipt for 5*s.* each from them. Wants money; has to provide for 30 persons coming in the two ships and many other things. If levies are making for Flanders, begs employment; could raise 800 or 1,000 good men. [*French*, 2 pages.]

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4 A.M.
Aldbrough.

147. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Two vessels, chased by a galliot into Woodbridge, report that 60 or 70 men-of-war are on the back of the large Sand head. Eight sail have been seen to the east, and 12 to the south-east, all standing southward, and supposed to be part of the Dutch fleet, separated by storm. On Friday, 40 sail were seen to the south-east, but the hazy weather now prevents seeing any sails.

June 8.
Deal.

148. Ri. Watts to Williamson. A packet from Thanet assured Col. Titus that the Dutch, with 70 sail, were within sight of North Foreland; all is put in speedy preparation to receive them at three hours' warning, should they be so mad as to attempt anything. Some vessels from the westward saw 18 French fishermen, but no man-of-war in the Channel; eight French fishermen, and a privateer have lain near the North Foreland, in sight of the Downs. Men-of-war are scarce, and such as there are delight in an open road or in harbour, rather than in cruising; yet purchase is plenty, if there were but lookers out.

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Whitehall.

149. [H. Muddiman] to Sir Edw. Stradling. News letter. The treaty at Breda is managed in rooms allotted to the ambassadors of each prince, who all deliver their proposals to the Swedish ambassadors as mediators. There is a great room with four doors of entrance, and a round table, arranged to avoid disputes about precedence, but it will not be used till each party's demands are brought to a narrower compass.

The Commissioners for examining public accounts, having had conference with the judges, now begin to act, and send for parties in order to their examination. There is no account of the Dutch fleet since their going out, except that 40 sail and many busses were reported to be seen at Ipswich or Southwold. There has been a great report of a fight between Sir Jeremy Smith and a squadron

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of Dutch men-of-war, but it proves false, for Sir Jeremy arrived at Dunbar on the 29th, and saw no enemy.

No judgment can be formed of the issue of the Breda treaty; many papers are daily interchanged, and the Swedish ambassadors are very busy. Count Dona has arrived, and has interchanged visits with the English ambassadors. The French are said to have taken Fuern, and the garrison of 200 to have marched into Nieupoit, where they cut the banks to the westward for security, and laid the country under water; 500 English have landed at Ostend, being the Earl of Castlehaven's regiment for the Spanish service. The Dutch fleet has been discovered at anchor at the Kentish Knock. The result of the late storm is not fully known, but vessels have been damaged at Yarmouth and Harwich, and several fishing boats cast away at Bridgewater. The deaths at Norwich have been 14, of the plague &c.

News from France: The army are fortifying Charleroy. Their fleet is 59 sail, of from 90 to 30 guns each, in all 19,025 men, and 3,039 guns, besides 9 frigates and 20 fire-ships. The Spaniards are nettled at the attack on the Netherlands, and have seized all the goods of Frenchmen in their ports. Holland is jealous of the Swedes, and is marching troops to Groningen. The elector of Mentz hesitates to allow the Emperor to pass troops through his country, from fear of the French. Capt. Brown of a fire-ship, has received a gold medal and chain for good services performed at the Vlie. The Duke of Cambridge was twice carried to the Park yesterday, and it is hoped that he is better. [3 pages.]

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June 9.
Latimers.

1. Thos. Hobbes to Williamson. Thanks him and Lord Arlington for their mediation, to which he partly ascribes his favourable treatment by Mr. Bridgman.

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10 P.M.
Sunday.

2. Fras. Lord Hawley to Lord Arlington. On receipt of the enclosed, has ordered the troops to draw together, but knows not yet whither to go, because most of the [Dutch] fleet is still on that coast. Hears that a general is sent down, whom he will obey. The deputy lieutenants [of Kent] and governors of forts were to have met to-morrow, to consult how to dispose of those quarters; but hearing that Lord Middleton is come, will leave those considerations to him.

June 9.
Hall.

3. Col. Ant. Gilby to Williamson. Hears nothing of the Dutch fleet, except from the prints. The Little Victory, which was to convoy light colliers northward, has gone into the Humber, to repair damage done by the storm; all the rest of the fleet are dispersed, but most of them are got into Bridlington Bay.

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June 9. 4. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Damage done to the Little
Hull. Victory. There are four men-of-war in the Humber.
- June 9. 5. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The Nonsuch has discovered 20
Plymouth. sail of great ships, judged to be part of the French fleet, near
Mount's Bay. She met Rear-Admiral Kempthorne and three other
frigates, which on this news returned to Plymouth, but nothing has
since been heard of the fleet. The Sorlings has brought in 20 small
vessels from Tenby.
- June 9. 6. Ben. Francis to Williamson. On Wednesday, a terrible storm
Sunderland. broke out, lasting from 2 a.m. to 6 p.m., during which the Little
Victory lost her masts; out of a fleet of 80 sail, one half were run
ashore, and many lost between Sunderland and Whitby. There are
no tidings of a Scotch privateer that was with them.
- June 9. 7. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. Sir Rob. Holmes has sailed,
Portsmouth. with seven or eight frigates and a few fire-ships, and anchored
at night on the back of the Isle of Wight; by morning he expected
his scouts to discover the enemy's ships, which lay in La Hogue
Bay, intending to order his course accordingly.
- June 9. 8. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Sir Rob. Holmes has gone to
Portsmouth. sea with his squadron. The Paradox, sent out to spy, reports that
under the cape near St. Malo, are 40 merchant ships outward bound,
and 16 men-of-war. The Cambridge and three other ships are to
be paid off, and their seamen turned to such ships as want men.
- June 9. 9. Ri. Watts to Williamson. A Flanders packet has landed
Deal. 70 prisoners from Rotterdam, who speak much of their hard usage;
some of them have not seen the sun during the whole year they
were in prison. At noon single guns were heard, and at 3 or 4
whole broadsides discharged, judged to be at Ostend or Nieuport.
The wind is E.S.E., but very little.
- June 9. 10. M. Scott to Williamson. No ship has passed since the
Berwick. squadron of Sir Jeremy Smith, who dined on Friday last with the
Lord Comr. of Scotland, at Holyrood House. All is in peace at
Edinburgh.
- June 9. 11. John Fowler, Judge Advocate, to the Navy Comrs. Amidst
Plymouth. his late disasters, returns thanks for their promising to do right in
the matter of the petition of the poor widow and her children, as
soon as the Falcon comes within reach; she will daily pray for
every one of them. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 10. 12. Capt. Ant. Smith to the Navy Comrs. Received an order
The Cygnet, at the Hope to come to Woolwich, where he is waiting their
Woolwich. pleasure. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 10. 13. W. Bodham to Thos. Hayter. The widow Lacy's husband
Woolwich. was put in for the twice-laid stuff by verbal order, and so held it
till Mr. Hewes, who had a warrant for the stuff from the Navy Office,
became master of the rope works. When he was put out, the widow

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had a verbal order from Sir Wm. Coventry and Mr. Pepys, and by that has held it hitherto. She now desires to forego it, her son having fled for debt. The appointment belongs to the Navy Board; the twice-laid stuff man at Portsmouth was promised a warrant from Sir Wm. Penn. The work is wrought at 3s. 6d. per cwt., which is little enough for any man that does it as it should be; seeing the verbal order of two different governments was sufficient, it wholly belongs to the Board, who by their general directions may do things of far greater moment. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

June 10. 14. Certificate by Thos. Drover, carpenter of Rochester, that on the 19th April last, he cut 19 boards into 6 foot lengths, out of two pairs of old masts, for John Wilde to make some doors at his house at Rochester. [*Adm. Paper.*]

[June 10.] 15. Certificate by Jonathan Crawley, labourer of Rochester, that two years since, he fetched 11 boards sawn from old masts from Wm. Forster's yard at Rochester, and nine from John Robson's, for John Wilde, before he was teamer at Chatham Dockyard, and laid them in one of the rooms of his house. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 10. 16. George Pley, jun., to the Navy Comra. Can prove that he Weymouth. has more offered for his goods, since of the last furnished into Portsmouth, he sold part of the very worst to others for more than he sold them the best; for the last Noyals which he sold them for 20*l.* the bale, he refused 30*l.* from an eminent man of Bristol, and a good paymaster, and disposed of another bale of seconds to one of London for 25*l.* Judges that he has no obligation to Mr. Browne, who carried four passes from His Majesty and his Royal Highness, by virtue of which he may lade what goods he lists; supposes he has not, for the sake of advantage, spared all his passes for Irish voyages, although he understands that he has disposed of one or more to that purpose; desires to have nothing to do with him. Is sorry to be obliged to say so much, as his principle is to look to his own imperfections, without touching other men's, but Browne's creating excuses has made him interfere. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 10. 17. Sir Jer. Smith to the Navy Comra. Particulars of ships. Letch Road. Asks for supplies. Cordage is very bad and dear in those parts, being 52s. per cwt., whereas in Hull he could have it for 30s. Knows not what he shall do unless some money is sent for defraying necessary charges. Expected to have found that place we before nished [with provisions], having given three weeks' notice before coming. Has spoken to Mr. Gauden's agent, who is very dull, negligent, and careless, and gives little or no attendance, being employed as factor in merchants' affairs. Spoke to Capt. Lee, late commander of the Paul fire-ship, who has bought a vessel at Leith, and intends shortly for London. On March 31, the Milford and Nightingale, with the Sweepstakes and Elias, met 60 sail of Hollanders near the coast of Norway, light ships, with one man-of-war and a ketch of eight guns for their convoy. The Milford took five, the Nightingale three, and they suppose the Sweepstakes

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and Elias took each of them three. They had very much wind; so could not do much spoil, nor get up with the man-of-war and ketch, who made from them with all the sail they could, and about 3 or 4 followed; the rest were dispersed; it is thought that some privateers cruising in those parts have gleaned up many of the dispersed fleet. The Milford and Nightingale were forced to leave the Sweepstakes and Elias all their fishes to fish their masts, and as there are no masts nor sails left, there will be no venturing them out to sea unless supplied. Supposes Mr. Phineas Pott has given an account of the masts, and how serviceable they are there for the frigates, and his assistance would be very useful, if they will order it. The Sweepstakes and Elias have not arrived, nor any of their prizes, except one of the Nightingale's, which is rather a wreck than a prize. Sends copy of a demand for stores given to Sir Wm. Batten. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages. Much damaged.*]

June 10. 18. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Sends a letter from Sir W. Jennings, and desires they will supply him with the stores required, as he has been abroad in bad weather, and may want them. Asks them to fill up enclosed commissions and send them to him, together with the order about commanding for Sir F. Holles. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

18. 1. *Sir Wm. Jennings, of the Sapphire, to Sir W. Coventry. Shall not be out of call of the ship. Has been three months off the ground, but as he is not to clean, has had the ship tallowd and careened. Has but three weeks' beer, the purser being forced to leave 15 tons behind for want of room. Has left 20 of his men at Portsmouth; they were sent with the ships to Southampton, and he could not wait their return. Desires, if ordered to sea, that he may take men where he can find them, being loath to go without his complement. Asks him to provide a West India voyage for his master, who is totally ignorant in those parts. Has no crime to lay to his charge but insufficiency.* Hope, June 9, 1667.

June 10. 19. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. His Royal Highness
9 A.M. does not expect their attendance this morning, but wishes their time employed in getting and fitting fireships. Desires they will order all other work aside, and one of them be present to see this followed out. Has sent to the Tower to have ingredients ready, which will be delivered if sent for. They are to employ gunners for the fireships, if they find fit men, and not to stay for warrants or orders, as the time will not permit the observing of those forms. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 10. 20. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Recommends Capt. Wm. Maiden as fit for the command of the fire-ship. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

20. 1. *Note from Sir Wm. Penn, recommending Thos. Ward and Nich. Donzie, as commanders of fire-ships.*

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- June 10. 21. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Sends some blank
10 P.M. press warrants. Hopes volunteers may be found, but for rigging
and labouring, pressing may be necessary. Prays them to get as
many more fire-ships as they can, besides the six mentioned; they
are the greatest help; as the case now stands, they must spare neither
cost nor diligence to get them dispatched. Will send blank commis-
sions for their commanders. Hopes they will not neglect paying
the ships at Portsmouth, and discharging unnecessary carpenters
Has given Sir Frescheville Holles blank press warrants, and pro-
mised the commissions and orders for the commanders of fire-ships
obeying him by to-morrow. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 10. 22. Statement by Lord Arlington of the King's pleasure for
Whitehall. Sir Roger Norwich to be restored to his deputy-lieutenancy of
Northamptonshire, and for the Lord Lieutenants to renew his
deputation accordingly.
- June 10. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 146.*]
- June 10. 23. Commission to John Lord Berkeley, of Stratton, to be Lieu-
Whitehall. tenant-General of all the militia forces in Suffolk, Cambridgeshire,
and the Isle of Ely.
- July 10. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 146.*]
- June 10. The King to the Earl of Oxford [Lord Lieutenant] or the first
deputy lieutenant of Essex. The Dutch fleet having appeared in
the mouth of the river, such of the militia as is not employed towards
Harwich is to be sent to Lee, to attend the motions of the enemy's
fleet; the Earl of Oxford, if away, is to be informed of this letter;
sends it by Major Edw. Wood, a person of experience and courage,
who is to assist in its execution. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 147.*]
- [June 10.] 24. Draft of the above.
- June 10. The King to the Earl of Essex, Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire.
Half the county militia, both horse and foot, is immediately to be
marched to Barnet, and the rest warned to keep themselves in
readiness on the shortest summons, for defence of those parts. With
note of a like letter to Lord Mordaunt, Lord Lieutenant of Surrey,
to bring the militia to Southwark and Lambeth. [*Ent. Book 20,
p. 148.*]
- [June 10.] 25. Draft of the preceding letter.
- June 10. 26. Note by Viscount Mordaunt, that at 6½ p.m., he received the
King's orders concerning the Surrey militia from John Dawson.
- June 10. 27. Order in Council that Lord Arlington forthwith prepare
Whitehall. letters to the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire to cause three com-
panies of foot and one of horse to march for defence of the Isle of
Wight; and the same to the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire. Also
a letter to the Lord Lieutenant of Dorsetshire to send two com-

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- June 10. The King to the Duke of Richmond, Lord Lieutenant of Dorsetshire. The enemy's fleet having appeared on the coasts for several days past, with intention, as is supposed, to make a descent, all orders necessary for prevention thereof about the Thames have been given, but care is needed for the safety of the remoter parts; two of the Dorsetshire militia companies are therefore to march to Portland, and one to Weymouth, to remain till further orders. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 148.*]
- June 10. Order for three companies of foot and a troop of horse to be sent from Wiltshire to the Isle of Wight. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 158.*]
- June 10. 28. The King to Lord Lovelace, Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire. To the same effect, ordering three companies of foot and one of horse, such as were not drawn out last year, to march for defence of the Isle of Wight. [*Draft.*]
- June 10. Minutes of the above. [*Ent. Book 20, pp. 149, 158.*]
- June 10. The King to the Deputy Lientenants of Hampshire. To the same effect, ordering 500 militia foot to march into Portsmouth, and a troop of horse to Portsea Island. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 20, pp. 149-158.*]
- June 10. Warrants to J. Wickham to convey Chevalier De Certain to Windsor Castle, and to Lord Mordaunt to receive him. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 478.*]
- June 10. Pass for the ship on which Madame Courtin may sail from Whitehall. France to Holland, to return to France. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 156.*]
- June 10. Warrant for a grant to Simon Smith, on surrender of Rob. Scawen, Whitehall. of the office of Receiver General for cos. Hants, Wilts, and Gloucester. [*Ent. Book 25 p. 16.*]
- June 10. 29. Information of George Knevet of Enfield, collar maker, before Sir Hen. Wroth, justice of peace for Middlesex. A month ago, saw a cart pass through Enfield with small barrels like gunpowder, covered with pitched cloth, and was told it belonged to Mr. Walker, brewer, of Battlebridge, Southwark, and was going to a house which he had taken in Theobalds Park; saw the cart pass through 10 or 12 times, and once it had a blunderbuss and two drums. Saw several horses tied in Mr. Walker's yard on the Lord's Day, the owners of which he conceives were there at an unlawful meeting. There was something of household stuff in the cart.
- June 10. 30. Examination of Christopher Berkett [Birkhead], goldsmith, before Lord Arlington. Has been 25 weeks prisoner in the King's Bench, at the suit of Hen. Harris for 300*l.* Never said to any one

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that he had foretold the burning of the city, nor any fires in London, nor any disturbance by invasion, insurrection, &c. Has conversed with several persons in prison, but does not know Mr. Bedlow [Bedwell].

June 10. 31. Joseph Strangways to Lord Frescheville. Is sorry that
King's Bench. Major Birkhead should have been examined without his directions how it should be done. Bedwell is a prisoner in the house; had better be hanged than go into the Bench, if the least suspected about this business. Will prove what he has said; wishes to be examined by Lord Arlington, and will then make a discovery of the truth.

June 10. 32. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. The Gift has left the har-
Falmouth. bour, conveying a small vessel laden with salt for Ireland.

June 10. 33. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The fishermen and their convoy
Yarmouth. go to sea daily, without hindrance; writes every post to prevent jealousy or false reports, an enemy being on the coast.

June 10. 34. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. There have been 60 French
Pendennis. sail seen off the Land's End, about Scilly, and 30 off Pendennis; several stout vessels, supposed to be King's frigates, are plying in the offing.

June 10. 35. Sir Thos. Langton, mayor of Bristol, to Williamson. Gives
Bristol. the names of the three Frenchmen who came from Barbadoes, with their papers; they are inconsiderable persons.

June 10. 36. Capt. W. Gannocke to Williamson. Thanks for being spared
Little Berford. a tedious attendance, and allowed to return to his friends in the country. Obeys his commands in relating what may interest the King relating to the constitution of the country, but will gain further information from the Lord Chancellor, Lord Lieutenant. Thinks there is "too little interruption of that old serpent the presbyter, and his amphibious spawn," in Banbury and the villages about. Being the business of many, it becomes that of none. Hears little of the militia, and thinks neither King nor people were ever better for them.

June 10. 37. "Advices," being notes from letters calendared above and from the following:—

Portsmouth, June 9: Sir Rob. Holmes has put to sea with seven or eight frigates, and anchored behind the Isle of Wight, expecting the return of his scouts. The Paradox, sent to discover what ships were at St. Malo's, got amongst them, but got clear again; she reports them 40 merchantmen, with 10 men-of-war. Four vessels are to be paid off, and the seamen sent on board other ships. [1½ pages.]

June 10. 38. John Man to Williamson. Has no news, vessels not daring
Swansea. to come from about land without convoy, because French and Dutch capers are so frequent on those coasts.

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June 10. 39. Hugh Acland to Williamson. A fleet of 30 sail, supposed to
Truro. be French, is hovering between Lizard Point and Scilly. Has
forwarded an express from Plymouth to the governor of Scilly.
- [June 10.] 40. H. Slingsby, master worker of the Mint, to Williamson.
Monday, Showed the draft of the order for the mint to Lord Ashley, who
10 P.M. made no objection to it, and thought it was fit to pass. Came to
give him and Lord Arlington notice of it, but had not the good fortune
to meet either, and cannot return to the Mint nor proceed
there to delivery without the warrant. [See June 12, 1667.]
- June 10. 41. Wm. Leving to Williamson. Is committed prisoner on
York Castle. suspicion of a pitiful sum, 4s. 6d. Though malice may render him
odious, hopes his fidelity to the King will move Lord Arlington
to order his liberty. *Encloses,*
41. L. Wm. Leving to Lord Arlington. *Has gained the acquaintance of a gentleman whose birth, estate, and education make him an agent for the management of affairs of the greatest importance. He understands the present state of the nation, is true to the King, sober and judicious, and will, on terms of encouragement, relinquish his own concerns for the public good chiefly for conscience's sake; he can wind himself into the most desperate intrigues of the dissatisfied, and will do great service, not by accusing any, nor having his hand in blood, which he detests, but by bringing the heads of the factions into the King's service, or by anticipating their endeavours. He wishes not to be known to any but the King and his lordship. Asks whether to proceed with him.*
York Castle, June 10, 1667.
- June 10. 42. Sir John Griffith to Lord Middleton. The enemy is on the
9 A.M. lower end of the slope, and some say that the tide being turned,
Gravesend. they are under sail upward. Will take the best care he can to secure
the forts.
- June 10. 43. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The Dutch fleet has got into the
Dover. Swale or nearer the mouth of Chatham river. A party of 100 are
said to have landed in Thanet, but to have been forced to retreat
with the loss of some men, by the Scotch soldiers there. The troop
quartered at Dover is ordered to march away, but it is not known
whither. The trained bands in Canterbury and Sittingbourne are in
arms, and marching towards Chatham. The beacons are on fire.
The deputy lieutenants of the county met yesterday, so that the
county is in good condition to entertain the enemy, if they attempt
to land. Capt. Peter Kenton of Dover has brought in three boats
prizes—two laden with butter, cheese, and deals from Middleburg;
the other was the vice-admiral of Holland's packet boat, and had
letters on board, which have been brought to Sir Thos. Teddeman,
and are sent away to Court.

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June 10. 44. Rowland Selby to Williamson. Is ordered to march to
Wingham. Rochester, and will then give an account how things stand. Sixty
sail of the Dutch have been seen about the Buoy of the Nore, and
as many off the Gunfleet. Lord Middleton ordered the deputy
Lientenants to march forthwith, with such forces as they could get to
rendezvous at Rainham, near Rochester, the rest following. His Lord-
ship was to meet Sir Thos. Peyton at Sittingbourne this morning.
All the trained bands are marching or preparing. Expects to be
tossed up and down till the Dutch go off the coast. Endorsed with
a note from John Cook, June 12, that he found this thrust under
his office door.
- June 10. 45. Sir Jo. Bramston to Willm. Herries, Lincoln's Inn. The alarm
Chelmsford. is hot enough. Sir H. and the greatest part of his regiment has
marched to Lee, and the enemy have burned houses and barns in
Canvey Island, and are fallen back to the Buoy in the Nore. Thinks
they will attempt Wakering, Foulness, &c. Sir James Altham says
my lord's regiment will be at Chelmsford this evening. The town
cannot supply them with powder if they come without, as it is
presumed they will.
- June 11? 46. John Glover to [Williamson?]. Three hoys of the town, that
were going to London, bring word that 40 sail of Dutch ships are
battering at Sheerness.
- June 11. 47. Geo. Williamson to Williamson. Yesterday, at 7 p.m., the
Rochester. Dutch, after some small dispute, took possession of Sheerness, which
is supposed to be burned, as much smoke comes this way. The
Lord General was at Chatham by 5 o'clock to-day, and has put
things in the best posture he could; they lie with their main fleet
opposite Queensbury, which it is said they have taken; many of
the people have left the Isle of Sheppey; five of their fleet are
within a league of the fire-ships at Chatham; it is expected they
will attempt something to-morrow noon, when the tide will give
them an advantage.
- June 11. 48. Fras. Newby to James Hickes. The Dutch fleet has gone off
Harwich. from before the harbour, and only eight are left in sight. Harwich
is full of nobility and gentry attending the Duke of Monmouth, and
the Duke of York is expected to-morrow.
- June 11. 49. T. R[oss] to Williamson. Sends a letter from the Duke [of
Harwich. Monmouth] to the King, giving an account of himself. The place
is in very good posture, and as desirous of an attack from the Dutch
as the latter are unwilling to hazard it. Their whole fleet, except
six, has gone towards the river, and Sir Hen. Appleton writes that
they have plundered Canvey Island. Many small boats attend
them for the purpose. Thinks they mean little else than to steal
sheep, which they attempted at St. Oysth, but retired when the
people appeared. The militia are very ready and cheerful for
service.

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June 11. 50. Rich. Browne to Williamson. On Sunday the Dutch fleet
fired many guns, and 30 sail came from the south-east, supposed to
be recruits from Holland or the French fleet. The Dutch fleet still
maintain their station, and have galliots cruising about. Has had
much ado to persuade the deputy lieutenants that the Dutch were
on the coasts; the vigilant care of Richard Cooke, deputy lieutenant,
despatched away Sir Rob. Brooke's company, who have come, but
there is no other company of horse or foot.
- June 11. 51. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The report of the Dutch landing
Dover. in the Isle of Thanet is false; it is said they have fired Lee in
Essex; the guns were heard yesterday till 10 p.m. Capt. Canning,
of the *Penelope*, with three guns, fought a Dutch caper of eight
guns for two hours and a half, but was obliged to let her go. Hopes
the late packet taken by Capt. Kenton has discovered the intents of
the Dutch and French.
- June 11. Lord Arlington to the Duke of Monmouth. The King wishes
Whitehall. him immediately to draw together a troop of 80 horse, by virtue of
the commission granted him last year, and to certify their place of
rendezvous, when they will be mustered accordingly. With list of
15 other noblemen and gentlemen to whom similar letters were
sent, and of 13 others to whom they were sent on June 13 and 15.
[*Ent. Book 20, p. 150.*]
- June 11. Orders for Col. Sydney's regiment to be drawn to Portsmouth;
three companies of foot to be raised in the Island of Portsmouth,
and three companies formed out of the workmen of the yard at
Portsmouth. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 158.*]
- June 11. Warrant to [John] Taylor, Navy Comr. at Harwich, to impress
merchant ships and other vessels, paying for their hire, to dislodge
the Dutch from the coast of Kent, and prevent their attacking other
ports of the kingdom. With note of like warrants to [Ant.] Deane
at Harwich and Sir Thos. Teddeman at Dover. [*Ent. Book 23,*
p. 478.]
- [June 11.] 52. Draft of the above, endorsed "Impressing fire-ships."
- June 11. Grant to Thomas, son of Sir Thos. Clifford, of the reversion of a
Tellership of the Exchequer. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 525.*]
- June 11. 53. Col. D. O'Brien to Williamson. Trusts him in reference to
Carrigbolt. his business, Lord O'Brien assuring him of Williamson's favour.
His estate is of no advantage unless he can get it discharged of the
quit rent. The going thither will be as bad to him as the quit rent.
[2 pages.]
- June 11. 54. John Maurice to Williamson. The Jacob of Amsterdam, of
Minehead. 400 tons, was driven ashore by the storm and the negligence of the
crew; she is not fallen asunder, but much of her timber is spoiled.
Sir John Knight and some Bristol men were her owners.

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- June 11. 55. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. Sir Rob. Holmes and his
Portsmouth. squadron returned, and are at Spithead. The Dragon and Roebuck,
being the scouts, brought him word of the French being gone from
La Roche Bay.
- June 11. 56. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Sir Rob. Holmes, with nine
Portsmouth. sail, whereof three are fire-ships, intended to encounter a party of
40 sail, with 16 men-of-war for convoy, near St. Malo, but was
prevented by the wind.
- June 11. 57. Sir Tho. Allin to Williamson. The French fleet of 22 sail
Plymouth. lies between the Land's End and the Lizard; the merchantmen will
be much prejudiced unless they are beaten off the coast.
- June 11. 58. John Clarke to James Hickes. Thirty French men-of-war
Plymouth. are plying up and down between the Scilly Isles and the Lizard
Point. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne is there with five or six frigates
and some fire-ships. The fort building is carrying on with all
possible vigour; one bastion is finished, and guns will soon be
planted on it.
- June 11. 59. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.
- June 11. 60. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Some 14 sail that were in the
Newcastle. late storm have come in; the loss is not known. A Dutch privateer
was lost. Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron is cruising off the coast of
Scotland.
- June 11. 61. Sir Jer. Smith to Williamson. On May 31, four frigates
Leith Road. met 60 Hollanders and Danes bound to the East, with one man-of-
war and a ketch for convoy, but the wind prevented their doing much
spoil; the man-of-war and the ketch got into Norway; 14 were
taken or sunk, the rest dispersed, and many have fallen into the
hands of Scotch privateers. Two of the frigates have arrived, and
some ships are seen, which are hoped to be the other two and
the prizes. Will hasten them out as fast as they come in, and
not let them be idle. An Ostender affirms that he saw the Dutch
fleet of 80 men-of-war riding near Ostend. The Oxford has taken
a privateer of eight guns.
- June 11. 62. Rob. Mein to Williamson. Wm. Douglas, a sweet stately
Edinburgh. youth, not 21 years, a brave scholar and spirit, was beheaded at the
Market Cross, and died very penitently. Sir Jeremy Smith's
cruisers have sent up 10 prizes to Leith. The governor of Hull
writes word that he has heard from Holland that the Dutch intend
to attack Leith, with 60 men-of-war and 20 fire-ships, and all the
forces are drawing together.
- June 11. 63. Receipt by Thos. Barlow of two packets from Lord Arlington
and Sir Wm. Coventry, for the Duke of Albemarle and Sir Wm.
Jennings, delivered by John Wilson.
- June 11. 64. Edw. Sherburne and Rich. Marsh to the Navy Comrs. Have
Ordnance Office. delivered the ingredients for the fireworks to Mr. Leake, gunner of
the Princess, and appointed two gunners to assist him in fitting

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them. Wish the gunners of fire-ships to come to them for their other stores; nothing shall be wanting in them to expedite the service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 11.
Plymouth.

65. S. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Posted his account for May on Sunday June 2, and it should have been with him on the Wednesday following. Some persons are surveying Sir George Carteret's estate in houses and yards, where the Victualling Office is now held, that His Majesty, paying Sir George the due value, might take them into the new citadel, as a wall is to be raised to enclose all the houses. They were valued by some at 100*l.* per annum, and by others at 80*l.*, which latter sum is nearest the truth. Some of the walls of the citadel are now up to 40 feet, and they are raising a sentry house of freestone. Several of the great ships put to sea for the north of Ireland, but a ketch being sent before, discovered another French fleet; they have therefore returned, and taken in seven days' more provision. A fleet of 20 sail bound for Wales arrived from the east. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 11.
Kinsale.

66. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Will render a good account of the stores lately sent, and assist the clerk of the cheque. Thos. Chndleigh, the master shipwright, cannot continue the supply to ships putting in there, unless his former disbursements are satisfied, but will continue until he hears from them again. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 11.
Kinsale.

67. Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. Has received the stores sent by the Milkmaid prize, and shall observe their orders as to issuing them to the ships, by advice of Capt. Crispin. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 11.
Deptford.

68. Sir Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. Fitting up of ships. Wants two agents from the Ordnance Office, to see to the combustibles. Asks orders as to the number of men to be borne on fire-ships, &c. Has got help from Woolwich, and the business of fitting them goes on cheerfully. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 11.
Victualling
Office.

69. Certificate by Thos. Lewis, that Constance, widow of Francis Walsall, purser of the Martin frigate, has cleared her husband's account for victualling, between 24 April 1664, and 2 February 1665. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 12.
4 P.M.
Golden Hart.

70. Capt. Charles Juxon to the Navy Comrs. Is making all possible dispatch, and asks for 100 tons of ballast. Recommends Richards Francis as gunner, and John Garrad as boatswain, in his ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 12.
Bristol.

71. John Humphreys and Thos. Hide, masters of two small vessels, to the Navy Comrs. Ask for an order to Capt. Rooth of the St. David, to convoy their vessels laden with pitch to Portsmouth, the Dartmouth frigate ordered for them being now ordered for the coast of Ireland. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 12.
7 A.M.

72. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Capt. Hannam, of the Mary, is willing to give assistance for setting out of fire-ships

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and to command them. His judgment may well be taken. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 12.

73. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Recommends Capt. Robt. Newland to the command of a fire-ship. Will send some more blank commissions. If commanders are wanted, the boat-swains and gunners of the ships in the harbour might be commanded to it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 12.

74. Thirteen blank commissions for captains of horse.

Whitehall.

June 12.

Grant to Anne, wife of Fras. Wyndham, of a pension of 400*l.* a year. [*Docquet.*]

June 12.

Whitehall.

Statement by Lord Arlington, of the King's approval of eight gentlemen named, as deputy-lieutenants for Bedfordshire, to whom the Earl of Aylesbury is to issue deputations accordingly. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 150.*]

June 12.

Commission for Sir Geo. Saville to be captain of a troop of horse Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 169.*]

June 12.

Commissions for three lieutenants to the three companies at Berwick. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 169.*]

June 12.

Warrants to Sir John Lentball to deliver — Bedwell and Berkleat [Birkhead], and to the Lieutenant of the Tower to receive them, for dangerous words. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 479.*]

June 12.

Warrant to Col. Legg to pay 20,000*l.* out of the Ordinance, to Sir Stephen Fox, for His Majesty's pressing affairs in this conjuncture, the money to be refunded. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 481.*]

June 12.

Warrant to Henry Slingsby, master and worker of the Mint, to observe the rules and orders in an indenture of 20 July, 1660, with the late Sir Ralph Freeman, for the coinage of money, until a new way by mill and press be settled by indenture; also to observe the regulations of the late Act for encouraging coinage. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 483-4.*]

June 12.

Whitehall.

Warrant for a grant to Edward Beale, of Bramham, co. York, of pardon for forging an obligation from Rich. Greaves, to pay him 10*l.* [*Ent. Book 25, pp. 16 b, 17.*]

June 12.

Whitehall.

The King to the master and fellows of St. Mary Magdalen's College, Cambridge. Recommends Charles Preston, scholar of the college, for election to a fellowship of John Spendleff's [Spendlove's] foundation, now void, which should be supplied by a capable person presented by the governors of Alford school, co. Lincoln, but none such has appeared for 12 months past. [*Ent. Book 27, p. 122.*]

June 12.

St. Valery ?

75. Faulomet, surgeon, to his nephew, Capt. Jacque Bideler, at Falmouth or London, in prison on account of his ships taken by the English. Has been to Rouen and Dieppe, and taken much pains

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to know where he is; has power to deliver him if he be kept prisoner. The count is displeased with his bad conduct and his doing nothing. [*French.*]

June 12.
Bristol.

76. Sir Thos. Langton, mayor of Bristol, to Williamson. A vessel from Bilbao saw 25 French men-of-war, 5 or 6 of 70 guns each, plying about Scilly and Land's End.

June 12.
Yarmouth.

77. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Not an enemy is seen, but guns have been heard for several days, some say from Nieuport in Flanders; a Yarmouth ship has brought 40 prisoners from Amsterdam; a galliot boy has come in, pretending to be from Ostend; thinks she belongs to Flushing; 100 sail lying by the piers in the haven's mouth came up to the town, for fear of firing.

June 12.
Hull.

78. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Notices of ships; great shooting has been heard at sea, but the cause is not known.

June 12.
Lyna.

79. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. The bay is clear of the enemy; Sir Jer. Smith has ordered a dogger to cruise in it.

June 12.
Pembroke.

80. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Several Dutch and French privateers much annoy the coast and hinder trade; the vessels which trade for Bristol with corn dare not venture to sea, for want of one or two frigates.

June 12.
Falmouth.

81. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Some 30 or 40 ships seen off Land's End are supposed to be the French fleet, cruising between there and Scilly; their intent in lying about is not known; the country people] thereabout are in much fear that they will land, plunder, and go off again, the place being in no posture of defence.

June 12.
Deal.

82. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Yesterday letters to Governor Titus from the Isle of Sheppey and those parts speak of the Dutch landing in that island; reports since say it is in the enemy's possession, which has given the whole country an alarm. The foot adjoining the ports are marched away from Deal, so that if any attempt were made, the enemy would soon obtain their desires. Col. Titus' company, under Capt. Poole, watch 30 a night. The day's work yesterday was to put the handful of men in the best posture possible. Hopes the King will send some trained mercenaries to assist them, and call back the neighbouring trained bands. Will have to request a pardon if he reports the opinions of the country as he is ordered to do, for mouths are very loose.

June 12.
Rochester.

83. Geo. Williamson to Williamson. Has seen a sad sight that day, and fears it will not be otherwise to-morrow.

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June 13. 1. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Three vessels have sailed thence,
Harwich. it is said, to try to cut the buoys at the Gunfleet, &c. Guns were heard with great fury all day yesterday. God preserve Chatham. The Duke of Monmouth rode thence last night with those that attend him, labouring to get to Gravesend. Last evening 30 of the Dutch fleet were seen coming down to the Gunfleet, but none appear this morning.
- June 13. 2. Sir John Bramston to Wm. Hennis, Lincoln's Inn. Lord
Chelmsford. Arlington sends commands and thanks, but not the least account of matters. Ill news comes so thick that the spirits of the people cannot be kept up; begs him to go to Mr. Williamson to know the worst, and then people's thoughts will be settled.
- June 13. 3. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Hopes the sad news from
Aldborough. Chatham is not so bad as reported; that Chatham is burnt, and all the King's ships; also Gravesend; and that the Dutch fleet are gone up towards London. On Thursday Sir Rob. Brooke's company was ordered out of Aldborough, and no soldiers are left to guard the town if the Dutch come.
- June 13. 4. J. Carlisle to Williamson. Every hour brings strange reports
Dover. from Chatham and thereabouts; a seaman brings word that three of our ships are on fire, and that the Dutch have taken the Royal Charles and committed many outrages; they are daily expected at Dover, and the guns are being planted on the pier head and all convenient places. Nieupoort is said to be besieged, but no packet has gone over this week. The Little Victory has sent in a prize laden with spices, pretended of Hamburg and bound to the West Indies, but thought to be for France and laden at Rotterdam.
- June 13. 5. Description of the attack made by the Dutch fleet, under Ad-
Amsterdam. miral Ruyter on the English ships in the Thames, at Chatham, and the Isle of Sheppey, and of all their proceedings from 1 to 13 June, with a plan of the Thames, and an engraving of the engagement. [*Dutch; printed.*]
- [June 13.] 6. Similar engraving; not duplicate.
- June 13. 7. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. The alarm received has put
Portsmouth. them on their guard, but the coast is very clear; wants intelligence on the motions of the Dutch.
- June 13. 8. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Vessels and materials have
Portsmouth. gone to weigh the Pembroke, if it can be done. Sir Rob. Holmes' squadron intended to set on a party of ships on the coast of France, but they were gone to sea before he arrived; the fortifications in the town and dock go on with all imaginable speed.
- June 13. 9. John Man to Williamson. A report of three French privateers
Swansea. near Lundy island put a terror into all vessels that were there, or that would come there; much shooting has been heard for three or four days past.

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June 13. 10. Marquis of Worcester to Williamson. A captain in his regi-
Thursday. ment wants commissions for his lieutenant and ensign, and then
can raise his company; has taken down his seven commissions for
lieutenants, but none for ensigns.
- June 13. 11. Affidavit of Frans Riccard, of Presteigne, co. Radnor, that in
1666, process was issued out of the Court of Exchequer against
John Walcott, for not perfecting his account for the 18 months'
assessment for Radnorshire, the delay being occasioned by his de-
taining a tally for payment of 250*l.*; and that through this delay,
the account and 20 tallies remaining in the treasurer's remem-
brancer's office were burnt in the late fire, so that there would
be great charge in proving a quietus.
- June 13. 12. Post warrant from Lord Arlington for two able posthorses
Whitehall. and a guide for George Potts, from London to Rochester, on the
King's special service.
- June 13. 13. Additional establishment of one serjeant and fifty men to each
Whitehall. of the twelve old companies of the King's and Duke of Albemarle's
regiments of foot guards; total yearly expense, 18,855*l.* 4*s.*
- June 13. 14. Additional establishment of two companies of 100 soldiers
Whitehall. each, with officers, to the Holland regiment under Col. Roh. Sydney;
total yearly charge, 3,227*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*
- June 13. 15. Establishment of 12 new regiments of foot, of 10 companies
Whitehall. 50 men in each; yearly expenditure, 130,566*l.* 16*s.*
- June 13. 16. Additional establishment of a lieutenant and 50 gentlemen
Whitehall. to each of the King's two troops of horse, which before consisted
bnt of 150 in a troop; annal expense 7,826*l.* a year.
- June 13. 17. Establishment of three new companies to the garrison of
Whitehall. Berwick, of 100 men each; yearly expense, 4,832*l.* 2*s.*
- June 13. 18. Additional establishment of two companies, of 100 soldiers
Whitehall. each, to the Duke of York's or Lord Admiral's regiment, under
Col. Sir Chichester Wray; yearly charge, 3,263*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*
- June 13. 19. Additional establishment of 12 soldiers to the governor's
Whitehall. company in the garrison at Hull, and 20 soldiers to each of the
other three companies, to make them up to 100 men each; also
of two new companies of 100 soldiers each, to be added to the
regiment; total yearly charge, 4,076*l.* 16*s.*
- June 13. 20. Establishment of 37 troops of horse to be raised, one
Whitehall. of 71 soldiers and the others of 35 each; total yearly charge,
96,529*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*

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June 13. The King to Prince Rupert. Having ordered works and batteries to be raised in or near Woolwich, for better security of the river against attempts of the enemy, wishes him to go thither and direct the same; also charging persons of all ranks to obey his orders therein. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 243.*]

June 13. Lord Arlington to Col. Egerton. The King wishes him to draw together a troop of 80 horse, with all possible speed, according to a commission sent therewith, and to certify their place of rendezvous, that they may be mustered accordingly. With list of 21 other noblemen and gentlemen to whom similar letters were sent. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 153.*]

June 13. Lord Arlington to the Earl of Chesterfield. Sends him a commission from the King to raise a regiment of foot, by beat of drum in those parts, and as soon as 30 in each company are mustered, to appoint a rendezvous, that the commissary general may muster them. With list of 12 other noblemen and gentlemen to whom such letters were sent, with commissions enclosed. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 151.*]

June 13. Note of commissions of captaincy of horse sent to Sir John Clobery, Col. Egerton, — Touchet, Sir Th. Slingsby, the Lord Chamberlain, Lord Rochester, Mr. Jermin, Sir R. Knight, and Lord Fauconberg, and of their mode of dispatch. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 152.*]

June 13. Note of commissions of captaincy of foot sent to Col. Norton, Earl of Chesterfield, Lord Allington, Sir W. Vane, the Lord Chamberlain, Sir John Sayer, Lord Townsend, Marquis of Worcester, Earl of Ogle, and Sir Arthur Bassett, and of their mode of delivery. [*Ent. Book 20, pp. 154-5.*]

June 13. Memorandum that commissions were sent to Portsmouth, to Middleton and Tinker, and two blank ones for forming four companies out of the workmen in the yard. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 159.*]

June 13. Commission for Col. Whitely to be Quartermaster General Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 159.*]

June 13. 21. Commission for — Lane to be Captain in the regiment of foot of which he is Colonel.

June 13. Minutes of commissions for officers in regiments of foot raised or to be raised, 1,000 in a regiment and 100 in each company, viz.:

I. Col., E. Chesterfield.	Lieut.-Col., Hen. Stanyard.	Major, Sir Theo. Gilby.
Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.
Earl Chesterfield.	Fred. Stanhop.	Wm. Barnes.
Hen. Stanyard.	Jo. Carroll.	Roger Cooper.
Sir Theo. Gilby.	Theo. Garlick.	Rob. Garlick.
Jo. Ferrers.	Humph. Waite.	Jo. Ferrers.
Mich. Brett.	Wm. Skelton.	Hen. Richards.
Wm. Stanhop.	Rob. Markes.	Phil. Savage.
Cha. Cotton.	Jo. Meautis.	Mich. Depung.
Peniston Whalley.	Wm. Jones.	Peter Moralis.
John Every.	Chris. Davenport.	Jam. Whitford.
Charles Hutchinson.	Thos. Holford.	Arth. Warren.

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Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.
Lord Townsend.	George Townsend.	Char. Spelman.
Sir Peter Gleane.	Tho. Fietcher.	Wm. Rogers.
Edmond De Grey.	Jao. Castle.	Wm. Bullock.
Sir Wm. Hovel.	Jo. Johnson.	Fr. Hovel.
Wm. Cropley.	Jo. Greymes.	Wm. Cropley.
Jo. Anguish.	Fr. Thoreby.	Tho. Talbot.
Tho. Wood.	Rich. Gimbert.	Miles Hobart.
Wm. Bradwell.	Thos. Kings.	Rob. Read.
Edw. Barber.	John Harris.	Wm. Doughty.
Thos. Holland.	Wm. Curcio.	Ja. Calthorpe.
III. Col., Lord Allington.	Lieut.-Col., Sir Rob. Brooke.	Major, Guy Molesworth.
Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.
Lord Allington.	Edm. Harris.	Reg. Thornton.
Sir Rob. Brooke.	Rob. Wyles.	Rob. Gosnold.
Guy Molesworth.	Barth. Clarke.	Rich. Lewis.
Sir Tho. Leventhorpe.	Abra. Chamberlaine.	Wm. Crowley.
Jo. Erington.	Alex. Balam.	Mich. Handcock.
Hildebrand Allington.	Edw. Cort.	Jo. Perkins.
Argleton Allington.	Hen. Carg.	Jo. Gippe.
Ja. Reynolds.	Wm. Desmont.	Chas. Bordenan.
Alex. Fraiser.	Guib. Cornelius.	Jo. Tomkins.
Roger Clarke.	Rob. Minors.	Ja. Bull.
IV. Col., Earl of Ogle.	Lieut.-Col., Edw. Villiers.	Major, Wm. Strother.
Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.
Earl of Ogle.	Rob. Anderson.	W. Erington.
Edw. Villiers.	Jo. Price.	Reg. Mollineux.
Wm. Strother.	Lance Ord.	Wm. Armorer.
Robt. Delaval.	Mich. Whitehead.	Fr. Read.
Jo. Strother.	Rob. Marley.	Edw. Widdrington.
Thos. Haggerston.	Jo. Grey.	Lance Erington.
Sir Jo. Swinborne.	Ralph Retherforth.	Allan Swinborne.
Roger Widdrington.	Jo. Forster.	Ralph Widdrington.
Jo. Digby.	Rob. Sutton.	Jo. Walker.
Fr. Sandys.	Edw. Tournay.	Geo. Sandys.
V. Col., Marquis of Worcester.	Lieut.-Col., Wm. Cope.	Major, Rich. Dutton.
Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.
Marquis of Worcester.	W. Wolsey.	Knevit Hastings.
Wm. Cope.	Jao. Waller.	Rob. Cade.
Rich. Dutton.	Jo. Leveston.	Braynton Baskerville.
Sir Edw. Stradling.	Rich. Basset.	Edw. Mathews.
Wm. Jones.	Ja. Anderson.	Ja. Herbert.
Chas. Roger Herbert.	W. Floyd.	Jo. Herbert.
Edw. Stone.	Geo. Page.	Lance Docwra.
Duncombe Colechester.	Thos. Joyne.	Jo. Colchester.
Thos. Price.	Jo. Price.	Rob. Cornwall.
Henry Gyse.	Wm. Jones.	Wm. Parry.
VI. Col., Lord Chamberlain.	Lieut.-Col., Henry Markham.	Major, Maurice Klagwell.
Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.
Lord Chamberlain.	Andr. Caldwell.	Rob. Markham.
Hen. Markham.	Den. Tayler.	Wm. Cecil.
Maurice Kingwell.	Rob. Boone.	Jonath. Bayly.
Christ. Hutton.	Arth. Stock.	Ch. Hutton.
Sir Ph. Carteret.	Edw. Boyce.	Rob. Smith.
Wm. Langley.	Thos. Crispe.	Ja. Burlase.
Rob. Moore.	Thos. Beck.	Edm. Portington.
Arth. Ingram.	Wm. White.	Jo. Camock.
Geo. Wroughton.	Wm. Chapman.	Thos. Blundell.
Giles Horstington.	Humph. Paoier.	Geo. Burton.

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Captains. Sir Arth. Bassett. Wm. Godolphin. Jo. Trelawny. Peter Courtney. Jo. Sydenham. Fr. Painter. Thos. Roscarrock. Bevill Skeiton. Fr. Arundell. Wm. Hag.	Lieutenants. Jo. Keigwin. Jo. Nichols. Jo. Douglas. Hugh Hobbs. Geo. Browne. Rob. Coleman. Samson Shakerly. W. Edward. Hugh Acland. Fr. Leigh.	Ensigns. Chr. Pender. Edw. Tenken. Rich. Fielding. Jo. Painter. Thos. Boughry. Jo. Gwava. Tho. Lamb. Rich. Panlin. Arth. Bray. Humph. Noy.
VIII. Col., Sir Allen Apsley.	Lieut.-Col., Jo. Ramsey.	Major, Oliver Nicholas.
Captains. Sir Allen Apsley. Jo. Ramsey. Oliver Nicholas. Sir Wm. Wentworth. Sir Jo. Elwes. Thos. Salisbury. Wm. Maynard. Edmund Ashton. Jo. Seymour. Jo. Grimes.	Lieutenants. Dudley Lovelace. Rich. Kent. Ja. Angier. Jo. Thorne. Rich. Banester. Pet. Flower. Jo. Fitzjames. Thos. Shadwell. Ch. Supple. Rob. Warner.	Ensigns. Thos. Foster. Mark Anth. Matthew. Rich. Woodward. Cha. Brinkhurst. W. Gersuch. Jo. Dodson. Rich. Penbury. Justinian Barrow. Giles Hungerford. Chas. Martenet.
IX. Col., Sir Jo. Sayers.	Lieut.-Col., Ed. Wood.	Major, Jeremiah Tolhurst.
Captains. Sir Jo. Sayers. Edw. Wood. Jer. Tolhurst. Lord Edw. Morpeth. Jo. Fenwick. Cressy Dimock. Sir Fr. Clinton. Tho. Sherley. Sir Rob. Killegrew. Sir Cuth. Heron.	Lieutenants. Rich. Griffin. Jo. Morrice. Ja. Streater. Hen. Darre. Pet. Bush. Andrew Porter. Arth. Magennis. Jo. Cogun. Wm. Gill. Nich. Ellington.	Ensigns. Thos. Swinbro. Rob. Bringfield. Rob. Horse. W. Wright. Thos. Howard. Theo. Taffe. Jo. Holt. Rob. Browne. Jo. Turnhill. Wm. Charlton.
X. Col., Sir Walter Vane.	Lieut.-Col., Fr. Lovelace.	Major, Wm. Stewart.
Captains. Sir Walter Vane. Fr. Lovelace. Wm. Stewart. Fr. Vincent. Fr. Radcliffe. Jasper Scoles. Sir Wm. Throckmorton. Fr. Benskin. Jo. Walter. Hen. Barnardiston.	Lieutenants. Ja. Read. Rich. Castle. Fr. Gargrave. Jo. Bareham. Ralph Swinerton. Benj. Sheidon. Rob. Guff. Jo. Benskin. Geo. Burdett. Walter Morgan.	Ensigns. Rich. Newman. Ralph Whitfield. Clem. Spelman. Thos. Tothill. Jo. Symms. Wm. Best. Ch. Bruce. Fr. Longaville. Rob. Yardley. Thos. Throckmorton.
XI. Col., ——— Norton.	Lieut.-Col., Henry Whitehead.	Major, John Mill
Captains. ——— Norton. Henry Whitehead. John Mill. Rich. Johnson. Rich. Whitehead. Jer. Harrison. Fr. Hobson. Thos. Leigh. Edw. Molesworth. Rich. Holt.	Lieutenants. Tho. Lloyd. Dan. Dove. W. Bayley. Chris. Johnson. Anth. Compton. Ja. Gerard. Rich. Young. Geo. Taylor. Jon. Sprig. Rich. Cock.	Ensigns. W. Dickins. Edw. Nevey. Jon. Boreman. Jon. Gale. Wm. Haywood. Edm. Wilson. Rich. Collins. W. Collier. Rich. Blandell. Jo. St. Johns.

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Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.
— Lane.	Saml. Wightwick.	Thos. Muscat.
Sir Henry Every.	Arth. Lawe.	Fr. Willoughby.
John Persehouse.	Benj. Phipps.	Jo. Gilpin.
Wm. Parker.	Arth. Cuple.	W. Eytan.
Arden Bagot.	Thos. Salmon.	Thos. Cartwright.
Thos. Lane.	Thos. Gifford.	Ang. Gifford.
Thos. Arden Price.	Ja. Taylor.	Saml. Leigh.
Rich. Adderley.	W. Lane.	Jo. Adderley.
Thos. Kinnersley.	Jo. Moseley.	Jo. Rumley.
Littleton Clett.	Rugeley Littleton.	Jno. Stanford.

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- June 13. 22-34. Thirteen blank commissions for officers of foot; viz, two
Whitehall. colonels, four lieutenant-colonels and captains, two majors, two
majors and captains, and three colonels to be captains; signed by
the King and Lord Arlington.
- June 13? 35-39. Five blank commissions for captains of foot; printed
forms, signed by the King and Lord Arlington.
- June 13, 40. Commission for Prince Rupert to be Colonel of a regiment
Whitehall. of horse.
- June 13. 41, 42. Commissions to Thos. Viscount Fauconberg and the Earl
Whitehall. of Denbigh to be captains of troops of horse.
- June? 43, 44. Memoranda relating to several of the previous commissions.
Two papers.
- June? 45. Names of the officers of the Earl of Ogle's regiment, as
desired by his lordship.
- June? 46. Note of Frns. Bennett's request to be admitted ensign in any
of the companies now to be raised.
- June 13. Commissions granted to officers for and in troops of non-
regimented horse, consisting of 80 men in troop, officers included,
viz.—[*Where an asterisk is prefixed, it denotes that the commissions
were granted the preceding year.*]

I. Colonel, Prince Rupert.

Captains.	Lieutenants.	Cornets.	Quartermasters.
Col. Egerton.	H. Dudley.	W. Lenthall.	Jo. Bryers.
Sir Thos. Slingsby.	Walt. Strickland.	Rich. Aldbrough.	W. Tunstall.
Earl of Bath.	Ames Pollard.	George Windham.	—
Lord Fauconberg.	W. Wickham.	Sir W. Frankland.	Matt. Driffield.
Lord Hereford.	Jo. Cocks.	Edw. Devereux.	W. Turner.
Sir Jo. Clobery.	Geo. Cranmer.	Jo. Street.	Thos. Gardner.
Sir Jo. Knight.	Wm. Linley.	Thos. Burns.	Joseph Payne.
Col. Remester.	Thos. Hart.	Thos. Spilman.	Wm. Marria.
Col. Ingleyby.	Geo. Elmore.	Edw. Rolt.	Thos. Walkenden.
Merrin Touchet.	Jo. Marsh.	Fr. Spalden.	Ph. Fursden.
Sir Maurice Berkeley.	Matt. Bellow.	Maur. Berkeley.	Jo. Honsdon.
Conyers Darcy.	Ph. Howard.	Rob. Strickland.	Jos. Strangways.
Lord Widdrington.	Sir Wm. Blakeston.	Jo. Thornton.	Ralph Read.
*Duke of Monmouth.	Jo. Osborne.	Edw. Griffin.	W. Clarke.
*Lord Byron.	Jo. Lehunt.	Rob. Radley.	Saml. Downes.
*Earl of Carlisle.	Thos. Howard.	Nich. Fairfax.	Edw. Parry.

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Captains.	Lieutenants.	Cornets.	{Quartermasters.
Wm. Earl of Craven.	W. Whorwood.	Sir St. John Moore.	H. Collier.
*Sir W. Courtenay.	Jo. Fownes.	Werthington Bride.	H. Wade.
*Hen. Jernyn.	H. Fitzjames.	Ch. Jernyn.	Jo. Stacy.
*Earl of Lindsey.	Edw. Berke.	Fr. Sherard.	Geo. Middlemore.
*Earl of Northampton.	Thos. Willoughby.	Saml. Underhill.	Edw. Batson.
*Earl of Peterborough.	Alex. Standish.	Jo. Mordant.	Ch. Westly.
*Earl of Rochester.	Jo. Gunmlyn.	Wm. Loving.	Jo. Pinkney.
*Sir Geo. Saville.	Sir Ph. Monckton.	Anth. Eyre.	Clifton Leake.
Davy Walter.	Ha. Sheldoa.	W. Walter.	Jo. Gryce.
Earl of Mulgrave.	Ch. Crompton.	Wm. Stewkly.	Edw. Barber.
Earl of Sunderland.	Arnold Cooper.	Sidney Godolphin.	Thos. Wormeley.
Lord Gerard.	Sam. Wood.	Jo. Wroth.	Rich. Whitworth.
Lord Berkeley.	Fr. Berkeley.	Ch. Coventry.	Stephen Dyer.
Earl of Denbigh.	—	—	—
Sir Philip Musgrave.	Edward Hutchinson.	Geo. Williamson.	—
*Lord Maynard.	Gilbert Talbot.	Jo. Earnley.	Thos. Wingfield.
Lord Castleton.	—	—	—
John Lord Middleton.	Thos. Dalmahoy.	Rich. Manley.	Ja. Dalmahoy.
*Lord Windsor.	Thos. Mucklow.	Ja. Thynne.	Edw. Barrett.
*Sir Jo. Warre.	Robt. Hawley.	Jo. Hawley.	Thos. Littleton.
*Sir Chas. Wheeler.	Somerfield Oldfield.	Horatio West.	Bern. Westby.
*Lord Mandeville.	Adam Cleypool.	Alex. Noell.	Montague Stacy.
*Earl of Ogle.	Sir W. Hickman.	Cecil Cooper.	Clifton Rhodes.

—[*Ent. Book 20, pp. 166—*]

- June 13. Note of commission to Mr. St. Leger to be ensign to Major Scot. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 168.*]
- June 13. Warrant to the Duke of Albemarle, to order an addition to the Duke of York's troop in the horse guards, and also to his own, of 50 men, an under lieutenant, farrier, and saddler. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 172.*]
- June 13. Commissions for John Powell to be surgeon to the Earl of Ogle's regiment,—Groves, surgeon to Sir Walter Vane, and Thos. Seale surgeon to Sir Allen Apsley. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 174.*]
- June 13. Commission for Thos. Jeyne to be ensign to Lord Blayney's company in the Holland regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 177.*]
- June [13?] 47. Blank commissions for a quartermaster of horse.
Whitehall.
- June ? 48. Note that the King has accepted Sir Thos. Slingaby's offer to
Whitehall. raise a troop of volunteer horse, and will give him a commission if he make any more levies.
- June 13? 49. "New Troops where ordered," being names of officers
Whitehall. appointed to act in various maritime and northern counties.
- June 13? 50. Note that the quarter-master general of the [late] King's
army at Oxford had 30s. a day, and that of the Parliament army in 1659, 23s., beside other commands.
- June 13. Warrant to the Lord General to order the recruiting of the King's regiment of Guards, under Col. J. Russell, by an addition of 50 men and two serjeants in each company. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 479.*]
- June 13. Declaration of the King's pleasure that the officers and soldiers lately raised to recruit the English regiment in Flanders, and now at Blackwall, shall obey Sir Allan Apsley, who is to be appointed their colonel. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 479.*]

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Warrant for a grant with survivorship to Hen. Howard and Sir Cecil Howard, on surrender in their behalf, by Sir Thos. Clarges, of the office of commissary-general of musters, with the usual fees of 17s. 6d. a day for themselves, 2s. 6d. for one clerk, and 1l. 13s. 10d. for eight deputy muster-masters. [*Ent. Book* 23, pp. 489-491]

[June 13.]

51. Draft of the above. [2½ pages.]

June 13.
Ordnance Office.

52. John Lord Berkeley, Thos. Chicheley, and Sir John Duncombe, Ordnance Comrs, to the Navy Comrs. The powder, shot, and other stores will be at Greenwich, this ebbing, as also the powder for Blackwall. There are no cannon baskets in store, nor any likely to be made in convenient time. Desires they will consider the best way for the security of the men. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclose,*

52. 1. *List of Ordnance stores laden on board the Truelove of London, to be carried to Greenwich.*

June 13.

53. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Recommends Thos. Pierce to the command of a fire-ship; he has been master of the *Mary Rose*, and knows the river well. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 13.
Kinsale.

54. Robt. Southwell to the Navy Comrs. Will sign all future accounts of Thos. Chudleigh, the master shipwright, with Wm. Penn clerk of the cheque, and shall charge for the stores at the prices current there. Is a stranger to provisions for shipping. Enquired what the prices were at Cork, and received the certificate enclosed from Christopher Selwood, shipwright there. Timber is cheaper at Cork than Kinsale. Mr. Chudleigh is much in debt, and not able to give ready money, so takes all on credit; he is forced to pay 20 and 25 per cent. for all the money he gets out of the Treasury, by reason of the long delays in payment, and must therefore sell at rates mentioned, or be a loser; the people that buy are as much dissatisfied as their Honours, but cannot help it, there being no one else to furnish those things. He has the reputation of an honest sober man, and a diligent, careful, good workman. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ pages.]

June 13.
9 P.M.
Golden Hart.

55. Capt. Charles Juxon to the Navy Comrs. Asks for tickets for Jeremiah Rosier and two other volunteers from the *Princessa*. Shall sail to-morrow for Blackwall, the victuallers having promised the provisions in the morning. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 13.
The Yarmouth,
Portsmouth
Harbour.

56. Phil. Barnes, purser, to Thomas Hayter, clerk at the Navy Office. Asks for instructions as to coming to London to pass his accounts, being ordered to attend Sir Wm. Penn on the 24th inst., for that purpose. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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57. Petition of James Wood to Sir Wm. Coventry, for the command of a fire-ship in the present expedition, being informed that several are to be set forth; has served as captain of several men-of-war. With reference thereon to the Navy Comrs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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June 14. 58. Jno. Clapham to Sam. Pepys. The enemy is expected on the
Chatham. return of the tide. Yesterday the Royal James, Royal Oak, and
Royal London were fired. Saw all three flaming, and the enemies
become masters of the Royal Charles, giving her such a friendly
entertainment that it is expected she will be our enemy this
afternoon. On Tuesday, two or three more ships were lost, one
being the Unity; but things are prepared so well this night that it
is hoped to requite them at the next assault. Several other vessels
have been sunk. The enemy have lost five or six fire-ships, either
by sinking or in executing their employ, and, as conjectured, a
considerable number of men by the service of Upnor Castle. [*Adm.
Paper.*]
- June 14. 59. Sir W. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. The Lord General
complains of the people of Chatham yard; out of 1,100 that belong
to it he could not get above three to do any business. Desires
that their wages may be stopped until their behaviour have been
enquired into. Endorsed "To stop the payment of Chatham yard,
the workmen having deserted the service." [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 14. 60. Jo. Lindsey to Williamson. On the 13th, a French man-of-
Dartmouth. war chased into the harbour a small collier, and would have taken
her, had not the castle kept him off with guns; he took two other
vessels, one of Dartmouth and one of Topsham, chased in some
fishermen, and killed the master of one of their boats.
- June 14. 61. Col. Ant. Gilby to Williamson. One of two Ostenders affirms
Hull. a truce between the French and Spaniards; the other says that the
war is still on foot, and that the French have taken Ypres. Two
Dutch pickeroons have forced two coal ships on shore in Holderness,
but the country people came in and defended the vessels from the
enemy. The news in the last post from London put the people on
the sea coasts in fear.
- June 14. 62. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Four of Sir Jeremy Smith's
Newcastle. squadron, meeting 50 or 60 great Dutch vessels going to Norway to
load, took 13 and sunk 2; of those taken, 2 of 400 tons are brought
into Newcastle; knows not where the rest are sent. A Dutch private-
er chased a small merchant vessel to a bay five miles from Tyne-
mouth, and Sir Ralph Delavale sent two boats, who towed her
under command of some guns which Sir Ralph planted there for the
security of his harbour and pans; the man-of-war pursued the
vessel within musket shot, but being fired at, stood to sea, and
hovered there all day. The vessel got into harbour. The magis-
trates and governor of Tynemouth Castle are consulting about
building a fort to secure the harbour.
- June 14. 63. J. Bentham to Williamson. Heard on Wednesday that the
Dutch had beaten the whole of Sir Jeremy Smith's fleet, and killed
or taken him; landed and driven away 500 or 600 oxen and 600 or
700 sheep, burnt several towns, and blockaded up the rest of the Navy.

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also that Harwich was in danger. It was replied that the Earl of Oxford was there with the militia, and able to oppose any attempt, but a malcontent said that most of the people theré were against hishops, and for the Dutch. Other reports are that the Dutch have burnt all the King's grent ships at Chatham, or three squadrons in Harwich Road, the men being without ammunition to contend, and have taken one vessel in triumph to Holland. When the news reached London, the drums beat, the militia gathered, and there was much running of people. The beacons are on fire, and some say that Harwich, Colchester, and Dover are burnt, and the King gone out of town or out of the world. There is much whispering of bad persons, and the King and Council are blamed that the ships were left without defence, and that there was no intelligence of the mischief nor care to prevent it. In raising men for Lord Peterborough's troop, but some are discouraged because those raised last year were disbanded before they got anything towards the expenses of their horses and arms.

June 14. 64. J. H[ickes] to [Williamson]. All good subjects are grieved to see the enemies thus insult, and suggest discontent against those that counselled the King to sell Dunkirk, and caused the strength of Upnor Castle to be taken away. They complain grievously against those entrusted for payment of seamen, and those who counselled the King to send most of his men-of-war into various parts of the world, and leave himself without a fleet to look his enemies in the face, and thus expose his ships to their violence. They say this ruin transcends the ruin of the city by fire, as the nation, having lost its honour at sea for ever, must bow and truckle to the enemies, over whom they before had dominion; and they fear that, without special care, they shall have their throats cut by some insurrection, encouraged by the power of an enemy at sea. Such discourses are frequent in yards, gates, and streets. Prays God to avert his judgments and assist the King.

June 14. 65. [Rich. Bower] to Williamson. The Truelove has brought in a vessel laden with deals from Norway, supposed to be a prize. The person who brought the express has amazed the people with reports of the Dutch having fired five capital ships, the Royal Charles, Royal James, Monmouth, and two others, and the French having taken the Isle of Wight; he says they will hear worse yet. Some Dutchmen taken running away with a boat are put into gaol. Finds another gazette in town, different from Williamson's.

June 14. 66. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Six Dutch men-of-war are riding in the Gunfleet; a small sloop, supposed to be French, has been plying about; two Dutch hoys standing for the Gunfleet are within a league of Aldborough; there is only one company of foot in the town, sent by Rich. Cooke, depnty lieutenant, to continue for eight days, and warrants are sent into the country for eight days' pay.

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June 14. 67. Rich. Brownie to Williamson. Twelve galliots, supposed to be Dutch men-of-war, have stood for the Gunfleet; the wind N.E.; hopes they will be well received if they come towards Aldborough. Hears that all the county militia, both horse and foot, are drawing towards those coasts, but at present there is only Sir Rob. Brooke's company of foot.
- June 14. 68. "Advices," being notes from letters calendared above, and from one from Truro, June 11; 30 ships, supposed French, have been hovering between the Lizard Point and Scilly, since Thursday last. [1½ pages.]
- June 14. 69. Sir W. Coventry to Williamson. Sir Phil. Honeywood says that 600 good men, fit to bear arms, may be found in the town and island of Portsmouth; it will be sufficient to divide them into three companies, and commissions must be hastened for them. With note by R. Powell, desiring the enclosure of a letter in Lord Arlington's packet to Lord Ambassador Coventry.
- June 14. 70. John Clarke to Williamson. The French fleet has been seen off Land's End. The Happy Return has arrived, having carried the Portugal ambassador to Holland. The news of the Dutch fleet lying in the Thames makes many look sadly.
- June 14. 71. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Sends a letter from Sir Bernard de Gomme to the Earl of Bath. If his lordship have left town, Lord Arlington should open it and show it to the King, because it concerns the Plymouth fortifications. Part of the French fleet has been seen off the west coast.
- June 14. Order for a warrant for the Lord Chancellor to be Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 480.*]
- June 14. 72. M. Gravier to [Lord Arlington]. Begs that the enclosed letters may be forwarded, one to Mr. Geraut, his host in London, and the other to France. [*French.*]
- June 14. 73. Jo. Smyth to Sam. Cottingham, at Edmund Custis', merchant at Bruges. Trade is dead, but there are great hopes that it will mend; much is expected from the fleet about Harwich, and at Chatham and Gravesend. The drooping brethren begin to prick their ears, and hope this brave adventure will make a diversion. Many of the discontented are gone with noble Dulman and Groves, but Bampffield laughs in his sleeve to see how like owls they will come home, like the King of France and his 40,000 men. Hearty prayers are set up at Mr. Washington, Burton, and Kelsey's, and days kept that this attempt may open a way for the restoration of those saints to their former dignities. Private affairs.
- June 14. 74. John Conny, surgeon, to Williamson. On the 9th, the enemy stood up towards the Hope; the 10th, in the morning, fired several houses on Candia, Canvey Island, Essex, stole a few ships, and the

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wind being easterly, turned towards Sheerness, which they assaulted and mastered in two hours. Endeavours were made to block up the river by sinking ships in the narrowest part, but all was ineffectual ; for the outward guard, being worsted at Sheerness, and unable to resist their force, could keep no place good till they came to the chain. On the 12th the Dutch, having got a considerable number of fire-ships over the sunken vessels, assaulted the chain, and though the guards resisted as manfully as could be, yet they were overpowered and destroyed, and the chain broken by the number of ships pressing at it ; they then took the Royal Charles, which is now going for Holland. Yesterday, at 1 p.m., they sailed with five men-of-war before Upnor Castle, where they were as warmly handled by Major Scott and Capt. Winter as could be desired, but yet they lay battering till their fire-ships came up, two of which attempted to fire the Royal Oak ; but missing their design, and a third arriving, they fired the Royal James and Loyal London, and then retired. There having been a day's time to provide for them, wishes they would taste the provision to-morrow, but is confident their bellies are full.

June 15† 75. Thos. Rawlins to Viscount Conway. Details about a law-suit. The defendants will try to plead their parliamentary privilege against arrest. The cause should be tried, not in Wales where they are influential, but in London. The Dutch have got the Charles, some two miles down the river from Chatham, and six or seven more ships are lost or spoiled, but it is hoped something will be done before they get away. Sir Jer. Smith is reported to have taken 16 of their ships coming home well laden.

June 15. 76. John Rushworth to Lady ———. The Royal Charles, Sta. Maria, London. Royal Oak, Royal James, Loyal London, and Unity, all great ships, are burned by the Dutch in Chatham River, besides two lesser ships, wherein were 500 men, all lost, and 12 more ships sunk in the river's mouth, to prevent the enemy coming in ; yet they got over them and the chain too, and did this mischief. This compelled the sinking of all the other great ships near Chatham dock, not leaving one above water, but it is hoped these will be recovered in time. The merchants are undone ; the great money bankers have shut up their shops ; people are ready to tear their hair off their heads ; great importunity has been used at Whitehall, especially by Sir George Saville, for a Parliament, but nothing will prevail ; there is one great gown man against it, also all the bishops and papists, and all those who have cozened and cheated the King. News arrives to-day that the French have come from Brest, and appear before the Isle of Wight ; some at Court give out that they are friends, and not enemies. The Dutch are expected as far as Woolwich ; people are fled from Greenwich and Blackwall with their wives and children. "We are betrayed, let it light where it will." Noted "Vera copia," taken by Tho. Pearson.

June 15. 77. Ri. Watts to Williamson. On hearing that the Dutch were Deal. gone up the river, some of the best ships fired by them, the Royal

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Charles in their possession, and little or no opposition made, almost all cried out that we were sold, and that there were traitors in the Council. The loss of Dunkirk, dividing of the fleet, disbanding of the army, nonpayment of seamen, permitting so many merchant ships to go out, &c., were called in question; had the news not suddenly changed, they would have risen and attempted strange things. The Navy paymasters are much blamed for keeping seamen one and a half or two years without pay, though they offer 8s. in the pound for their ticket money. Col. Titus yesterday commanded both young and old of Deal to work at Sandown Castle, and they have made breastworks of turf on the stone wall. The mayor and jurats of Sandwich have commanded all to rise and man the decayed turf walls about the town, themselves and the chief men assisting; they want artillery and ammunition.

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London.

78. ——— to Viscount Conway. There has been such an alarm that the fear of a press of horses has emboldened him to send two of his to his lordship's stables for six or eight days. The Dutch, after easily beating off Sir Edw. Spragg from Sheerness Fort, which was not in a posture of defence (for which Sir Edward is much blamed), forced the chain, which some say was fastened with cable yarn, and came up. Ten frigates and as many fire-ships burned the *Amity* and *Matthias*. The *Royal Charles*, having 30 guns mounted, fired on them, but her ammunition was soon spent, so the Dutch took her, and put up their flag. Meanwhile the general caused the next ships, viz., the *Royal James*, *Royal Oak*, *London*, and two fire-ships, to be sunk, so the Dutch went away, carrying the *Charles*; she stuck, and they could not get her away that tide, but kept men aboard; they returned with Thursday's tide, but being unable to pass the sunken ships, stayed till the tide was half spent, and then burned the upper part of the *Oak*, *James*, and *London*. They made another attempt yesterday, but the general had so well provided that they were beaten off, and the same this morning; so they have left the river, and it is said fired the *Charles* at last.

The King has 11 good ships remaining, when he had given all for lost. He was very angry, and told the citizens plainly that none but the Duke of York, Prince Rupert, the Lord General, and the Archbishop of Canterbury were for arming the fleet, and treating sword in hand, and so the greater part of his Council overruled, much against his own opinion. A considerable person standing by the King said he was of the same opinion, but His Majesty angrily gave him the lie, and the next day openly reproached his Council. Some unruly people have cut down most of the young trees planted about Clarendon House, and broken many of the windows. There is a rumour of a Parliament, but it is not believed. A commission is issued for raising 10,000 foot and 2,500 horse; the Earl of Manchester to be general, Sir Wm. Waller, Sir Rob. Howard, and Col. Inglesby, colonels, and the Lord General to be created high constable. The Dutch are still at the buoy of the Nore; some say they

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are fortifying the Island of Sheppey, others that they are going to Newcastle to destroy the coal fleet; whereon coals have risen to 6*l.* per chaldron. All is quiet to-night, but people are still in arms. The loss at Chatham was 500 men. Many English are on board the Dutch ships, and say they have come for money for their tickets. [*2 pages.*]

June 15. 79. "Lord Gerard's instructions." His commission authorizes him to command all the trained bands of the militia or army in Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, and adjacent country; but he is specially to take care of the defence of the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth, in case of attack; to strengthen them with men from the precincts; to demand an account from the officers of their execution of the late orders of Council, or to change them as he thinks fit. The point at Portsmouth is to be demolished. The Navy victualler is to furnish the said places with provisions for a month or more. All the army is under pay of the treasurer of war; the trained bands are furnished by their owners with a month's pay, after which they must be changed for others who have not served their month, or care otherwise taken for them. Money for contingent services is to be deposited in the hands of Comr. Middleton, and issued on his lordship's orders; Middleton will also issue ammunition and stores as required. Whilst Col. Sydney's regiment is within the walls of Portsmouth, it must be under the deputy governor, but otherwise must receive orders only from his lordship; he is to take care to suppress all disputes between officers. In case he goes to the Isle of Wight, where the landing of the enemy is principally apprehended, he is to leave fitting orders in Portsmouth for defence of the harbour and shipping. [*2½ pages.*]

{June 15.] 80. Instructions to Chas. Lord Gerard of Brandon, to command the garrisons of Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, and also Col. Sydney, if placed over the forces in the yard; he is to prevent the enemy from landing, and secure Portsmouth and the shipping, Sir Rob. Howard's regiment and another being appointed under him. [*Draft, corrected by Lord Arlington.*]

June [15.] 81. [Note of further instructions] to Lord Gerard. The money remaining in the hands of an Ordnance Officer there, by appointment of the Comrs. of Ordnance, is to be spent by their directions, especially on the fortifications at Portsmouth. Care has been taken to provide the governor with stores and ammunition, so that, without a very pressing occasion, those in the ordnance need not be treasured upon; the Comrs. of Ordnance wish to keep up correspondence where stores are kept. The King disapproves the employment of — Newbury, with whom he was dissatisfied when in his service. [*Draft, 1½ pages.*]

June 15? 82. Queries by Lord Gerard, on his present commission, with marginal replies [by Lord Arlington]; that as to supplies of men or provisions for Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight, or other place under

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his government, the victualler and county magistrates shall be ordered to send them in. That as to a special commission for supplying the forces with pay, and meeting other expenses, the trained bands have their month, the standing troops are under pay, and Comr. Middleton will meet contingencies. That in case of his absence, Col. Sydney must command his foot troops, Sir Phil. Honeywood, deputy governor, the garrison, and Sir Robt. Holmes the fleet, provided they will agree.

June 15.
Harwich.

83. Silas Taylor to Williamson. They are labouring to secure the port against this insulting enemy; none but the rearguard of five or seven sail appear; they ply about the Gunfleet and the Sledway. Complains of the scanty intelligence sent him. Mr. Muddiman's intelligence is very large, and persons of the greatest quality are constrained now to betake themselves to it.

June 15.
York.

84. Jon. Mascall to Williamson. All are alarmed by the late action of the Dutch at Sheerness, and the militia are preparing for the field when called for. The deputy lieutenants of the West Riding are meeting at Pontefract, to order the affairs of York and that Riding, which are backward, as the officers of Sir George Saville, Sir Thos. Osborne, and Col. Ambrose Pudsey's regiments are not yet commissioned.

June 15.
Hall.

85. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Notices of ships. The shooting heard was from the chase by a dogger of a Hollander, which has possibly got away; the least account of the ships lost a fortnight ago under convoy of the Little Victory is 40 sail. Lord Belaysse has been over from Wrotham.

June 15.
Whitby.

86. Thos. Waade to Williamson. In the last fatal storm, 80 sail of light colliers were on that coast. People "are much perplexed to hear that the Dutch vapour so filthily in Thames."

June 15.
Burlington
Quay.

87. John Hill to James Hickes. Is sorry to hear of the Dutch insults, but hopes, ere this, the King's forces will have repulsed them. A pickeroon, off Flamborough Head, fired at some fishermen and wounded one, but spying two ships to the south, left the boat to chase them.

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88. Sir Allan Apsley to Williamson. Has received commissions for himself and four other captains, and for five lieutenants; to complete the regiment, will want five commissions for captains, one of whom must be lieutenant-colonel, and another, major, and also for ten ensigns.

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10 P.M.

89. Sir Allan Apsley to Williamson. Wants a commission for Sir John Elwes to be captain in his regiment, he naming his lieutenant and ensign; also an order to the muster-master to muster certain companies ready at the point of land over against Woolwich, where the regiment is ordered to quarter.

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- June 15. 90. Jean Gelart and Jaques Costé to Louis Parant. Many prisoners will redeem themselves for 30s.; beg deliverance as soon as possible. Many in the enclosed list are ill. [*French.*]
- June 15. 91. Col. R. Sydney to Williamson. Wants a commission for Leicester House. Capt. Farrar to be lieutenant, and Sam. Fletcher ensign to Capt. Cronley.
- June 15† 92. Note by Walter Cowdry, keeper of Newgate, of seven prisoners, ordered to be transported by their own consent, and of Nich. Greenberry, left to Lord Chief Justice Kelynge.
- June† 93. Petition of Nicholas Greenberry to the King, for reprieve or release from prison; is committed for want of sureties, on suspicion only of burglary, yet is to be tried for his life at the assizes, at Brentwood, Essex. Desires to serve under Lord Belasye at Tangiers, or elsewhere beyond seas. *Annexes.*
93. 1. *Declaration by John Shadwell, clerk of Newgate, that Greenberry was committed August 31, 1666, for want of security, and afterwards impeached before Lord Chief Justice Kelynge for breaking into a dwelling house.*
- June 15. 94. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Two Dutch capers took a prize; the Richmond chased them and retook the prize, but they escaped. Pembroke.
- June 15. 95. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hickes. To the same effect.
- June 15. 96. Rich. Forster to James Hickes. All are sad at the attack of the Dutch at Sheerness, but some say that six fireships have fired four of the best Dutch ships. The commissioners and governor of Tynemouth Castle have resolved to build a fort for security of the port and ships; meanwhile such ships as only draw four feet water are ordered to come higher up the river for safety; the masters are put to hard shifts to maintain their men on board. Newcastle.
- June 15. 97. Sir Thos. Clarges to Williamson. Could not answer the officers of the Earl of Manchester, who came to speak about the muster of their troops; moved the lord general therein, but he was a stranger to the business; will give orders on receiving from Lord Arlington a list of the regiments and troops, and at what numbers they are to be mustered. Asks how many additional commissaries are established for this service; needs four at least, those he has being absent on constant duty. Should have a copy of the establishment of new troops, which he supposes was framed before a commission was drawn; wishes commissary Clerk to have his lordship's order in this matter, with the list of troops and companies for the lord general. [*2 pages.*]
- June 15. 98. Wm. Warren to Williamson. His brother much fears an attempt on the Isle of Scilly, which would be lost if it were attacked though but with 1,500 men; no considerable defence could

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be made; the carriages of the great guns are mostly decayed, small arms wanting, and also men, there not being above 500 fighting men in the island; they want 500 or 1,000 more. If the island were ever in the enemy's hands, it would be a great curh to trade, and cost many thousand lives to regain. Begs that Lord Arlington will inform the King of this.

June 15. Lord Arlington to the Earl of Bath, Governor of Plymouth. The King wishes him, for better secnrity of the town, to raise four companies of 100 men each, including officers; sends the commissions in blank. With note of a like letter to Lord Arundel for Pendennis Castle. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 157.*]

June 15. The King to the Deputy Lientenants of Kent. They are to continue to act as before, notwithstanding the death of the Earl of Southampton, their Lord Lieutenant, and to obey such Lientenant General or other superior officer as may be sent for the safety and defence of those parts, during the vacancy of the lichtenancy. With note of a like letter to the Deputy Lientenants of Hampshire. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 159.*]

June 15. Warrants to [John] Blundell, to convey William Mills to the Gatehouse, for treasonable practices in the company of [John] Mason; and to the Lientenant of the Tower, to receive [John] Mason. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 450.*]

June 15. 99. Receipt by Edw. Cressett and Gent. Taylor of John Mason as prisoner, by the hands of Sam. Pordage.

June 15. The King to Sir Wm. Rider, Hen. Johnson, and Sir John Griffin, captain of West Tilhury Blockhouse. Has ordered batteries near Gravesend, and alterations and repairs in the blockhouses of Tilhury and Gravesend, for better security of the river, and has directed carpenters, shipwrights, labourers, &c., for the work. They are to issue fitting directions for the speedy perfecting of the said works, and all things needful both for security of the town and defence of the blockhouses, and for prevention of any design of the enemy to pass up the river. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 482.*]

[June 15.] 100. Draft of the above.

June 15. 101. Duke of Ormond to Lord Arlington. Recommends the enclosed for His Majesty's signature. Dr. Denton has run great hazards by his loyalty, and is the first physician now living who was sworn to the late King. *Encloses,*

101. I. Warrant for a good and effectual grant to William Denton, physician in ordinary, of the said place, with all profits thereto belonging, and a fee of 100*l.*, in reversion after Sir Alex. Fraser, Sir John Hinton, Dr. George Bates, and Dr. Wm. Quatremaine.

June $\frac{1}{2}$. 102. Capt. Brodart to M. Gravier, in London on the [French] King's service. Supposes the march of the Court has prevented my lord from answering his letter; the prisoners are well attended to by the captain of the Holland squadron, and will be sent to

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- June 15. 103. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Repairs of ships. Sir
Dover. Thos. Teddeman is directed to fit two fire-ships with all speed. Asks whether to fit them with fire-works, as that belongs to the gunner's stores. Three fire-ships are in harbour. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 15. 104. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of four ships named.
Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 15. 105. J. Sotherne to Sir Wm. Penn. His master [Sir Wm. Coventry] does not remember any objection against Capt. Licoris, who commanded the Unicorn fire-ship, which may prevent his being employed this time. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 15. 106. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. No ships have been
Ipswich. victualled since his last. The Lily came to Harwich and beat drums for seamen. Those parts are indifferently quiet. All are heartily sorry for the great loss His Majesty has received at Chatham, hoping it is not so bad as reported. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 15. 107. Sir Wm. Penn to Sam. Pepys. Sir Frescheville Hollis desires
Chatham. that Capts. Lake and Burde shall have the command of other fire-ships, theirs being sunk at Woolwich; they have men at command to man the ships. Reminds him of the six ships to be sunk at Woolwich, and the eight hoys with four guns each, and, if it were possible, 4,000 tons at least of stones, to be cast into the ships to be sunk. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 15. 108. Capt Amos Beare to the Navy Comrs. Applied for a pilot
The Richmond, to the mayor of the place, who knew no other man than the writer's
Yonghal. own brother, whom he had not seen for seven years, and although he had a wife and three children, and was master of a ship and taking in his goods, immediately impressed him; had he not been his brother, would not have attempted it. Asks them to do him right with his late master, Rich. Smith. Never struck nor gave him unhandsome language, yet he told him he thought he lived in Hell, though he never knew the writer swear nor curse in drink, nor lay a night out of the ship. Shall be obedient in having his present master examined, the first ship he meets. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 16. 109. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Wants a couple of sea captains to go to Gravesend, to assist Sir John Griffith in mounting guns and making batteries for defence of that place. His Majesty and his Royal Highness insisted upon Capt. Seaman, of the Old James, and Capt. Hart, of the Rainbow, to whom they are to send, if in town; if not, to some others. Three of the ships in Portsmouth harbour are to bear 100 men each, strictly mustered, to defend the ships in harbour; a store of boats is to be always ready, and the frigates and fire-ships in the river are to be prepared to receive and keep men on board, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 16. 110. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. There is an order
10 P.M. for 300*l.* to be sent to Gravesend. His Majesty and his Royal

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Highness want as many frigates and fire-ships as are ready to sail together to that place; they must be hastened down, with directions to anchor there until further orders. His Majesty has resolved in Council to take six merchant ships to make men-of-war of; asks them to look out for some. Expects orders and commissions tomorrow. Has not seen the Vice-chamberlain [Sir George Carteret] these three days, so cannot speak as to matters of money. Sir John Mennes has 5,000*l.* at Chatham, out of which they may pay the new carpenters; for aught he hears, the old ones scarce deserve it. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

110. I. *Warrant from Sir W. Batten to Sir Frescheville Holles, to send down to Gravesend all fire-ships under his command, in company with the frigates under Sir Wm. Jennings, for the better securing the men at work on the fortifications, and to continue there until further order, unless he finds the enemy near and too strong, in which case he is to retreat and come up the river.* [*Copy.*]
Woolwich, June 17, 1667.

110. II. *Similar warrant from Sir W. Batten to Sir W. Jennings with respect to the frigates under his command.* [*Copy.*]
Woolwich, June 17, 1667.

June 16? 111. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Recommends Wm. Ward as commander of a fire-ship, by desire of his Royal Highness. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 16. Deptford. 112. Sir Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. Recommends Roger Freshman for the command of a fire-ship. It is His Majesty's pleasure that he should have one. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 16. The Sweepstakes, Leith Road. 113. Capt. Francis Saunders to the Navy Comrs. Sends the tickets for Christopher Granger, set on shore at Dover in March last; he was servant to the purser, who took him aboard naked, and has received 2*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* in clothes. Hopes to be ready for sea in four or five days. At his last being out, took two prizes, one laden with salt, and the other a fly boat of 300 or 400 tons. Has received an order for victualling his ship for 150 men for 56 days. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 16. Order to Major Wyndham, with two troops of horse and two companies of foot, to go to the Isle of Ely to preserve the peace there. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 158.*]

June 16. Letter to the Earl of Suffolk, Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, to give him notice of this, and direction to order his deputy lieutenants to advise with and assist him. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 158.*]

June 16. Letter to the Deputy Lieutenants of Somersetshire to send a troop of horse and two companies of foot to secure the peace at Taunton. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 158.*]

June 16. Warrant to the Ordnance Comrs. to convey the stores and ammunition now remaining above bridge to Windsor Castle. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 480.*]

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June 16. Warrant to the Master and Wardens of the Trinity House to appoint six able and active brethren to go to Gravesend to assist at the works there, each man to carry down 20 able seamen. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 480.*]
- June 16. Warrant [to the Ordnance Comrs.] to issue an immediate supply of carriages for the guns for Gravesend blockhouses; also 200 spades and 100 pickaxes to be sent with all possible speed. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 481.*]
- June 16. Warrants to [John] Bradley to seize [Peter] Pett, [Navy] Commissioner at Chatham, and bring him to the Tower; and to the Lieutenant of the Tower to keep him close prisoner, for dangerous practices and misdemeanors. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 481.*]
- June 16. Warrant to Sir Stephen Fox to pay to Sir Allan Apsley 300*l.* out of the Ordnance money, for pay of 700 soldiers under his command, appointed for Flanders, but afterwards remanded for the King's service. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 484.*]
- June 16. 114. Warrant to the Corporation of Shipwrights of Redriff to send
Whitchall. to Gravesend 50 carpenters for speedy carrying on of the works there, following the orders of Sir John Griffin and Sir Wm. Rider. [*Draft.*]
- June 16. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 485.*]
- June 16. 115. Lord Arlington to Sir Stephen Fox. He is to deliver to
11 A.M. Mr. Dupny 300*l.* for subsistence of Sir Allan Apsley's men in his
Whitchall. important service, for which he shall have an authentic order on demand.
- June 16. 116. Sir Wm. Rider to Williamson. Has received his letter and bag
8 P.M. of money, and will give account of the disbursements for the King's
Bethnal Green. use. Wishes the other 100*l.* to be paid to Mr. Ayscue, clerk of the Trinity House. Asks instructions how to proceed, the commission not giving him any power.
- June 16. 117. J. Bentham to Williamson. Wonders that the Councillors
Lowick. were so lulled into security that, after the first tidings of the Dutch fleet coming out on some desperate design, platforms were not raised, cannons mounted, and soldiers sent to make a defence; they will be registered to posterity as casting away arms of offence and defence, whilst in treaty with armed and active enemies. Asks how honour is to be regained abroad, or the mouths of bad men stopped, and their hands manacled at home. They say that all this does not stop debauchery and drunkenness at Court, and that no better could be expected where the Popish and profane party are in such credit. Cannot get any men to find themselves horses to come as soldiers to London, whereas last year more offered than could be accepted; but those that went spent what they were worth, and came back in sickness and poverty; some would venture if furnished with horses. It is said that the ammunition in the Tower stores and blockhouses has been conveyed away; and that

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at Boston in Lincolnshire there is not one piece of cannon to keep off an enemy.

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Plymouth.

118. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The Drake has engaged a French caper of 16 guns, and would have taken her, had she not been assisted by two more. Hearing that the French fleet is on the coast, has ordered the ships in harbour to come into Catwater for better security; all possible care is taken for defence, if they should attempt the place.

June 16.
Plymouth
Fort.

119. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. The Dutch attempt caused great alarm, lest the French, who are said to be on the coast, when they hear of its success, may attempt something. The militia are settling and guns planting on the cliffs for defence. Has ordered the regiment of Timmers to march to Plymouth with all possible speed. Three frigates are now hauling into Catwater, and several others are to ply about to give intelligence. Has commanded the Navy victualler to send a month's biscuit to [St. Nicholas'] Island, and will return it if not used. Sir Thos. Allin has ordered 30 or 40 cannon from the frigates hauled in to be planted in the most convenient places, in case the enemy should attempt to land. The new citadel goes on apace. The Drake has chased a French pickeroon, and rescued two prizes from her, but they were plundered before, and the ship was rescued by two French men-of-war. The Drake brought in a French vessel laden with wine for the King, as appeared in a pass from the Duke of Beaufort. [1½ pages.]

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Plymouth.

120. Note that on the 15th the Mermaid arrived from cruising off Scilly, and met no men-of-war. At night the Drake came in, and reported her long dispute with a French caper, which she would have taken, but the French fleet, standing in two squadrons, east and west, made her forbear. Two ships chased her, but, being an excellent sailer, she escaped, and took a small French vessel; their scouts are now cruising in the harbour. Six frigates now in the Sound are going into Hamoaze, a safe harbour, and the Sorlings is gone to sea on discovery.

June 16.
Winchester
Prison.

121. Pierre Ladvenu to Louis Parant. Gives the names of those who have received money from him; more money is wanted. Apologizes for his letters. [French.]

June 16.
Berwick.

122. M. Scott to Williamson. At Newcastle the Sweepstakes has brought in two or three prizes, and a Scotch privateer one laden with timber. Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron has taken 11 or 12 Dutch Norway-bound ships, and a man-of-war of 42 guns that convoyed them.

June 16.
Point over
against
Woolwich.

123. Sir Allan Apsley to Williamson. Has only received five commissions for captains and five for lieutenants, but the King has continued more companies in his regiment for whom commissions are required. Gives a list of them, and requests them to be sent.

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124. Sir Allen Apsley to Williamson. Asks a commission for Peter Flower to be captain of a foot company, and a blank commission for an ensign.

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June 16. 125. Sir Allan Apsley to Williamson. Wants a commission to Rob. Ingram for a foot company in his regiment, with Thos. Girling as his lieutenant. Sends them for their own commissions, that they may discharge their acknowledgments themselves.
- June 16. 126. Thos. Holden to James Hiekes. A fleet of 50 or 60 sail
Falmouth. has been cruising 10 or 12 days off the Land's End; the country people are in continual fear, increased by last post's news of the Dutch being with 60 sail in the Buoy of the Nore, and some as far as the Hope, and having taken an island. No hurt has been done thereabouts, but there is great murmuring among the people that no preparation is made. Begs news, for it will come by other hands, if not by his.
- June 16. 127. Ro. Selby to Williamson. The Dutch fleet has fallen down
Rochester. to the Buoy of the Nore, and the Royal Charles with them. Is returning to his old quarters near Sandwich. Has asked Sir Nich. Armorer to remember him, if anything advantageous falls out in this time of action. Begs assistance therein.
- June 16. 128. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Lord Belasyse has come
Hull. from Worlaby, and gone to Beverley to raise the train bands. The three companies of Hull Guards are preparing to march in two or three days for London. Notices of ships. All are much terrified with the unexpected news of the Dutch firing four great ships, taking one, and endangering 10 more. Some say things were ordered better in Cromwell's time, for then seamen had their pay, were not allowed to swear, but they clapped in the bilboes if they did so, and the officers turned out, and then they had God's blessing; but now all are for making themselves great; few mind the King and nation's interest, but mind plays and women, and fling away the money that would serve to pay the seamen. The garrison is much out of repair, very many of the gun carriages almost past the using.
- June 16. 129. Thos. Waade to Williamson. An enemy's man-of-war would
Whitby. have cut off two ships of Whitby, but the ordnance being in readiness, and the trained band and soldiers going aboard, disappointed him of his purpose.

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June 17. 1. Sir Thos. Langton, mayor of Bristol, Hen. Creswick, and
Bristol. Wm. Colston, to Williamson. In this great alarm the militia was put in posture, and the post mail secured, to see what discovery could be made by opening letters directed to disaffected persons. Found the enclosed, and sends it, with the examination of the person to whom it was directed. *Encloses,*
1. *i. C. Mansell to Hugh Parry, merchant, Bristol Castle. The great business must lie dormant till the return of the great*

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navy from our coast. *The King has sent down commissions, to some of the old officers, which displeases many, viz. to Lord Fairfax in Yorkshire, to Col. Rossiter in Lincolnshire; and the Earl of Manchester, with many others, is raising forces. This was His Majesty's voluntary act, without their seeking. Though many that formerly served His Majesty wait for commands, they fail because men do not come in to them according to their expectation. There is such a general exclamation against two great men, that it is not safe for them to go about the streets. The vulgar report that the Earl of Bristol could see much before other eyes were opened. It has been debated to grant liberty of conscience and lay aside B[ishops?]. Gives the names of eight ships destroyed at Chatham by the enemy, but since the spring tides are abated, they have made no further attempt; Sir Michael Lucy and Col. Ludlow and Dolman are with them in person. The Dutch were ashore at Chatham, and drank with some of the inhabitants, but did not take a penny from them, and said they would wrong none that were not in arms against them. Endorsed "Letter intercepted at Bristol."*

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1. II. *Examination of Hugh Parry of Bristol. Thinks the letter shown him was written by Chris. Mansell, servant to Charles Bennet. The expression of "the great business" relates to the ship Alexander of Bristol, which Mansell solicits for the owner. Did Mansell a kindness when he was a prisoner in Ilchester Gaol.*

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- June 17. 2. Nath. Parsons to Hugh Fry, of Shaaston. Wishes his brother Thomas to send a horse to Blandford, for his mother and himself to come to Shaabery [Shaftsbury?].

- June 17. 3. Marmaduke Gibbs to Rob. Francis. The Drake and Nonsuch
Scilly. towed the governor's shallop that brought the last intelligence to within a league of the island. Had they sent in their boat, would have given them notice of 12 ships lying to the southward; 15 sail have passed eastward, which are hoped to be the Straits' ships. It would be advantageous to frigates to call at Scilly, and have notice of ships' motions in the Channel. The governor is repairing the fortifications with all speed.

- June 17. 4. Sir Robt. Vyner to Williamson. Begs him to procure some
Winchester. better place for John Goldsmith, late one of the best clerks in the Post Office, who, opposing Col. Bishop, was set by in favour of the Colonel's brother-in-law, and has been in low condition ever since. He and Ibsen, now dead, usually waited on Williamson at the office, and had a promise of the same offices Bishop put them from. Begs that Sir Phil. Frowde may not hinder it.

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June 17. 5. Earl of Anglesey to Williamson. Wants Lord Arlington's confirmation to John Swift of his employment about the packet-boats in Ireland; his salary is 400*l.* a year for three boats, and proportionably for a fourth, if required. Endorsed, "Packet boat at Holyhead."
- June 17. 6. John Maurice to James Hickey. The last dialogue he sent him
Mischew. makes the French King's title to Flanders clearer than was imagined; but such disputes cannot please, when our country is in such an unsettled and distracted condition. The loss of the shipping in the harbours is the greatest dishonour that ever the King and kingdom lay under, especially when discourses and preparations were but of peace.
- June 17. 7. Sir Phil. Musgrave to [Williamson]. Last week's news letter orders that bad people's discourses be observed. Has sent a discreet person into Scotland, and instructed his other intelligencers to be very active. On receipt of the Council's letter to call together the trained bands, gave notice to the deputy-lieutenants of both counties, and a good number met, and have sent out orders in obedience to the King's commands. Will serve as well as the burden of his years permits.
- June 17. 8. Owen Lindsey to Williamson. A French man-of-war chased
Dartmouth. several vessels into the road, and would have taken or stranded most of them, but the gunner of one of the castles fired, and struck the man-of-war, and thus the others were saved. In retiring they fired on a fisher boat, and took a Plymouth vessel in sight of Dartmouth.
- June 17. 9. John Man to Williamson. No ships pass because of the
Swansea. French privateers which cruise between the English, Welsh, and Irish coasts, and by coming near the mouth of the Severn, fill the country with fear. The militia of Glamorganshire is ordered to appear in a posture of defence, to be ready against any attempts.
- June 17. 10. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Sir Thos. Bond and his servants
Dover. sailed in the Calais packet-boat. The Royal Charles is aground; hopes the enemy will not be able to get her off, nor seven of their own ships, till Friday or Saturday. The west wind may force them to retreat, or else to fire the ships as they lie. As Midsummer approaches, asks if Mr. Jemmet is to continue the packet-boat.
- June 17. 11. John Conny to Williamson. The Royal Charles is got away.
Chatham. The Dutch are all drawn down the river; there are not many within Sheerness, yet enough to secure their men, who are said to be fortifying the Ness. They have fired what they can of the ships sunk to prevent their approach, and cleared the river, except weighing those vessels. The St George is got afloat. Hopes this high water to recover the Monmouth, Rainbow, Triumph, Unicorn, and Henry.
- June 17. 12. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. Lord Arran has ar-
Chester Castle. rived, having fallen from his horse near Nantwich, and sprained his wrist. He is gone to Neston, and will soon be in Ireland. He gave an account of the dishonour received from the Dutch, which is very

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great, yet not so great as reported in several letters, which stated that Lord Douglas was dead, the General shot, Chatham, Gravesend, Harwich, and Queenborough all burned. Wishes a share in the regiments of horse and foot to be raised; could easily raise either a regiment of foot or troop of horse. The wisest fear lest the French will draw their forces out of Flanders to Dunkirk, and so land them in England.

June 17.
Chester.

13. Rl. Brooks, sheriff, Lord Cholmondeley, and five other [deputy lieutenants?] of the county palatine of Chester, to Lord [Arlington.] Conceive this order to levy the 3,000 marks as the prince's mise, as also that to deliver out part of the militia monies towards the repair of Chester castle is grounded on expectation that the money should be reimbursed from the mise, for which a commission should be issued. Having paid several sums, wish for an order for the same, not thinking it safe to deliver moneys at this juncture of time, without express order. Send a list of Col. Leigh's horse. Have appointed Monday for the militia horse to meet at Tarporley, and the foot at Tarvin and Knutsford, and appointed a general meeting of deputy lieutenants at Northwich on Thursday week. The forces are to continue in the several places aforesaid for six days. [Copy.]

June 17.
York.

14. Jon. Mascal to Williamson. A Dutch man-of-war came near Whitby, and would have destroyed two ships, but the gunners, being on the platforms, and the trained bands prevented. Has a list of foot regiments and captains of horse to be speedily raised. Wishes to serve as captain in that of which Lord Arlington is colonel; would put in good officers, and in a week or two would have a complete company, if he had orders to receive arms at Clifford's Tower.

June 17.
Yarmouth.

15. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The northward coast is clear; a caper has been seen off Yarmouth. On an idle rumour of 40 Dutch sail at the back of the sands, the people took the alarm, and prepared with a great deal of cheerfulness. Four militia companies of Sir Wm. Dooley's regiment have marched into the town. An express came for Major Wyndham to march to the Isle of Ely, leaving his troop behind, and for Capt. Bromwell and his foot company to march away.

June 17.
Hall.

16. Col. Ant. Gilby to Williamson. Last mail's news has afflicted but not daunted the people. All care will be taken to suppress intestine enemies, and repulse invaders, and Lord Belasyse is no less industrious in his lieutenancy. Will be glad to be thought worthy of any employment.

June 17.
Norwich.

17. Robt. Scrivener to Williamson. The city trained bands are raised, and four troops are now in it. Lord Townshend is in town to dispose of them as need requires, in and about Yarmouth and Norwich. Two French men and a French woman, taken by North Walsham, are secured on suspicion. People's discourse differs, and there are many uncertain stories.

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18. Sir Chas. Wheeler to Williamson. Will muster on Wednesday, the lord general having appointed him a muster master and quarters. If his last year's commission stand, wants those for his lieutenant and cornet.

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The Marsh,
over against
Woolwich.

19. Sir Allan Apsley to Williamson. Is sending for many commissions, because the Duke says the King wishes all who have undertaken to raise men under the Spanish ambassador to have commissions, and march under this regiment. Must stop and acquaint the King with the number of new pretenders. Has written for 18 already. Wants a muster master to be sent, as the means of keeping the men together. They will not believe that they are obliged to stay; and lying in the field, the last rain has driven away 200 of them. Commends Mr. Seymour, to whom the Duke has promised a commission, though he was not one of those of Flanders. *Annexing,*

19. I. *List by Sir Allan Apsley, of 12 captains and three field officers, adding Capt. Seymour, to whom the Duke has promised a commission.*

19. II. *Similar list of captains.*

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The Marsh.

20. Sir Allan Apsley to Williamson. Sends a letter from Col. Worden. Has received commissions for three field officers and seven captains, but cannot deliver them till he has the rest, lest they pretend to be elder captains than the rest. Wants them, in order that those who have few men may beat their drums and complete their companies.

June 17.

Leith.

21. Phineas Pett to Williamson. Has been waiting directions from the Navy Comrs. about sending for the goods he has ready for shipping in the North of Scotland, but fears the present extraordinary affairs at home prevent his being noticed. The vigilance of Sir Jeremy Smith over every ship of his squadron will prove of great service, and give no small loss to the enemy. Considerable prizes are brought in by them daily, and the Plymouth has brought in a very great East Indiaman, outward bound, whose lading is thought to be worth 150,000*l*.

June 17.

Pendennis.

22. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. A fleet, supposed French, of 27 or 28 sail, were all week between Land's End and the Lizard. They divided into three or four parties, and many guns were heard. Yesterday 15 appeared off the Manacles. A Swede has come into Helford Road.

June 17.

Gravesend.

23. Sir Willm. Rider and Henry Johnson to Williamson. There is great want of all things to set people at work. A large field carriage is wanted for a brass demi-cannon, also 50 great guns, and old plank to lay the platforms. The bottom of an old ship now drifting about Woolwich would do if broken up, and save much money; 100 sail of the enemy are down at the Buoy of the Nore, ;

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June 17. 24. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Heard great shooting at Land's
Truro. End. Has seen large ships off Mount's Bay; one standing near
the shore chased several fisher boats. Twenty-eight sail, supposed
French, are standing eastward. A great fleet of ships has been seen
off Pendennis Castle. The militia are being put in a posture of de-
fence. Hopes the Dutch are beaten off their landing; there are
various reports about it.
- June 17. 25. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. A Swedish ship from Amsterdam
Lynn. reports that there it is generally considered they will have a sudden
peace with England. She saw seven small men-of-war in the Texel,
and 80 Dutch ships with two convoys coming from Norway. The
news of the burning of our ships by the Hollanders causes strange
discourse. The trained bands in the town and country about are
daily in arms.
- June 17. 26. Receipt by Edw. Cressett, gaoler, into the Tower of London,
of the person of Comr. Peter Pett, by warrant from Lord Arlington;
and by hand of John Bradley, messenger.
- June 17. 27. Warrant for a pardon for Lord St. John of Basing, son and
Whitehall. heir of the Marquis of Winchester, for striking Sir And. Henley,
Bart, of Bramshall, co. Hants, in Westminster Hall. [Draft.]
- June 17. Minute of the above. [Ent. Book 23, p. 481.]
- June 17. 28. Sir Wm. Penn to Sam. Pepys. Sends the names of the
10 A.M. masters and vessels to be continued or discharged. Five large hoys
Deptford. must be taken up and sent to Woolwich in the room of those dis-
charged, and the fire-ships be supplied with ballast. Sends a copy
of the officers' certificate concerning the fire, which, without God's
great mercy, had destroyed all. Wants victuals, &c. for the fire-
ships and hoys. [Adm. Paper.] Encloses,
28. I. *Examination, taken before Sir Wm. Penn, of Thos. Eaton
and eight others employed on the watch, as to a fire in
Deptford Yard, at midnight, on Sunday the 16th June.
Three of them were asleep when it broke out; the others
rang the alarm bell, and assisted in putting it out.
[1½ pages.] Deptford, June 17, 1667.*
28. II. *John Cox and four other Officers of the Yard to [the
Navy Comrs.] Particulars of the fire, which burnt the
oakum house, a decayed shed, and injured 500 or 600
deals, but by the providence of God, in less than two
hours was overcome and extinguished. Estimate the
damage at 30l. or 40l. [Copy.] Deptford, June 17, 1667.*
- June 17. 29. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. Asks what fire-ships are
gone down the river, or are ready to go. Recommends Thos. Andrews
for the command of a fire-ship. [Adm. Paper.]

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June 17. 30. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Recommends Mr. Swanton as fit for the command of a fire-ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 17. 31. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Desires that the Cambridge's men may be paid, Sir F. Holles considering it needful in order to the manning and setting out of the ships in the river. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 18.
Woolwich. 32. Christopher Pett to Sam. Pepys. Cannot spare any shipwrights, calkers, &c. for Chatham, having many works yet in hand for the planting of ordnance in the town and yard, which are imperfect by reason of the wetness of the weather. The men are forced to work day and night, in fitting fire-ships, smacks, &c., and cannot hold out in such hard duty much longer. New orders are constantly coming from the Prince or Sir Wm. Penn. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 18.
Leith. 33. Abr. Parker, muster master, to Sir W. Penn. Only four of the prizes taken by the Sweepstakes and two others are yet come in, they being dispersed at sea by foul weather. One has 100 tons of great shot in her. The Isabella ketch brought in a small privateer, and the Hampshire a great fly-boat, laden with deals. The Plymouth and Advice, from the north of Ireland, have brought in a great East India prize outward bound, richly laden, having a good quantity of copper guns and 12 chests of money. Shall muster the ships and perfect the hooks, but cannot send them often, by reason of the great distance, and little or no return of shipping for England. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 18.
Gravesend. 34. Rich. Elkin to Sam. Pepys. Sends an account of petty warrants issued. The Holland fleet still rides at the buoy of the Nore, and their appearance puts a stop to business.
- June 18.
5 P.M.
Deptford. 35. Sir Wm. Penn to Sam. Pepys. Sir F. Holles desiring that Capt. Bird may have the command of the Mary fire-ship, asks that he may have possession, and be ordered there immediately. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 18.
London. Levant Company to the Commanders at Smyrna. On account of the dangers of the Dutch fleet now in the mouth of the Thames, and the French fleet said to be in the Channel, they are not to return to England without further orders. With note of like letters to the commanders at Scanderoon, the ambassador at Constantinople, and the consuls at Smyrna and Aleppo. [*Levant Papers, Vol. V., p. 168.*]
- June 18.
Whitehall. Proclamation declaring the King's steadfast resolution to preserve to such of his subjects as have lent money on assignments on the the revenue, the money so secured to them, and to continue the same course in future. Issued because, on account of the late attempt of the Dutch fleet, and false reports spread thereon, the creditors of those who had advanced money for the King pressed them in an unusual manner, which might weaken their credit and endanger public safety. [*Printed, Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 244 a.*]

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June 18. 36. John Clarke to James Hickes. All care is taken to fortify, Plymouth. in case the enemy attempt to land. The trained bands are in arms, and the Earl of Bath's troop and regiment of tinnars are to be drawn in, to strengthen Plymouth garrison. Notices of ships: 20 French men-of-war, with four fire-ships, are said to be abroad, and our Straits' fleet to have put into Cadiz.
- June 18. 37. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.
- June 18. 38. Rich. Forster to Williamson. People are distracted and at Newcastle. their wits' end with the sad news. The magistrates are very careful; they have prevailed with Col. Villiers for 600 arms, and will call the shipmasters together to know what arms and ammunition they have, being the greatest store there is to rely on; they will repair the walls and plant guns, but the people generally give the place up for lost, and daily apprehend the enemy's landing. If a person of honour had care of the town and country, his very presence would breed courage into the drooping spirits of the people, who cry that all is lost for want of care. Some report that the Dutch have been ashore at Bamborough, and hurt Sir Wm. Forster, who raised his tenants and servants, and beat them off. Sir Ralph Delnvalle and Col. Villiers consulted with the shipmasters at Shields about securing their ships.
- June 18. 39. Sir Allan Apsley to Williamson. Lord Allington wants his commission for a company of foot, and Sir John Elwes should be dispatched at the same time.
- June 18. 40. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Flanders sings the same song as Dover. England, that they are bought and sold; for the garrisons yield as soon as summoned by the French, and those of Flanders are willing to acknowledge the French Queen as their lawful heiress to that country. She is supposed to be there incognito. A great army from France is to be landed in England, Scotland, or Ireland. Preparations are making for defence of Dover. Lord Oxford's troop that marched to Chatham a week ago has returned, and a company of trained bands from Canterbury, commanded by Capt. Wm. Kingsley. Asks whether Frenchmen are to go and come without special license. Wants an order to the mayor and magistrates of Dover to assist him. Many bad subjects, not fit to be trusted, belong to the packet-boats; those belonging to the Flanders boat were taken at a private conventicle last Sunday.
- June 18. 41. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Sir P. Frowde. The mail landed at Deal, and was sent off 9 a.m., but came overland. Sends the Dover letters. With note [by Williamson] of their receipt at Whitehall, June 19.
- June 18. 42. Capt. John Shaw to Lord Arlington. Can only see three of the Holland fleet, anchored off the Isle of Grain; the rest are all anchored about the Buoy of the Ower; none above Sheerness. Will go to Grain to-morrow, and give a more particular account.

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Minehead.

43. John Maurice to Williamson. The enemy's success dismays people very much. The moderate say there was great negligence and treachery in this last business. Sheerness Fort was ill manned, though the enemy's attempt on the river the day before gave time enough to secure the fort, or send the shipping up the river. All the Dutch preparations showed they had desperate designs afoot, which was not unknown to the officers concerned in securing the forts and shipping on the river. The people are startled at the violence of the act, a treaty of peace being on foot, and the nation in the greater hopes because the King made little or no preparation for war. Fears it will be a greater dishonour than the loss amounts to. Hopes this is not so great as the malevolent rumours, viz., that Chatham, Rochester, and other towns, and 16 great ships, are burned. Prays for the King's safety, and the discovery of those who violate it by negligence or treachery. The people impute much to Sir Edw. Spragg, said to be an Irish papist. The prize Jacob, bought at Plymouth by Sir John Knight, was put ashore at Minehead by ill weather, sold, and is now being ripped. Endorsed with a note that Scilly is said to be taken by the French, and that the country is so enraged against them and the Dutch, that if armed and disciplined, they would be revenged on them one way or the other.

June 18.
Plymouth Fort.

44. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. Four English shipmasters, brought over in the Peter and James of Morlaix, which has come in with the King's pass, report that the Duke of Beaufort is at Brest with 16 sail, and no considerable land force, but that there are 2,000 men about the country, who are to be sent on board; 16 more ships, manned with from 400 to 800 each, are plying between Land's End and Ushant, with four fire-ships; 36 vessels left the Straits with four convoys, which put into Cadiz. The Earl of Bath is at Exeter, and will be at Plymouth to-morrow.

June 18.
Plymouth.

45. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The Drake has recovered two English ships from a French caper, and would have taken the caper on the coast of France, but for two French men-of-war; she has brought in a French wine prize. An Apsom vessel has arrived, secured from two capers by 30 sail of Ostenders, who are gone to Ostend. Beaufort is victualling 16 men-of-war at Brest, and has left 20 men-of-war and fire-ships in the Channel, who have been about the Lizard, but did not attempt to land, though there is little resistance. Plymouth is very well fortified to receive any attack, being strengthened by two troops of horse, and a regiment of foot from the country, beside the frigates in harbour.

June 18.
Harwich.

46. Silas Taylor to Williamson. All their time is taken up with preparations for defence. Reports say that two or three Dutch ships were aground about St. Ouyth's, and that Sir Jeremy Smith is upon the coasts of Holland. A ketch or two has sailed for Holland, but none of their men-of-war have appeared. Has received an express from him unsealed, which is not well.

June 18.
Aldborough.

47. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Discourses arise from the burning of the ships by the Dutch, that some great persons were

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guilty of treachery, and have fled, amongst them the Lord Chancellor; also that places of trust are put out of faithful men's hands into Papists', as Col. Legg, governor of the Tower, instead of Sir John Robinson. Fanatics broach twenty such stories to amuse the people, and render the King's service odious. Lowestoft, Southwold, Dnwich, and Aldborough are left without forces, which are all drawn towards Landguard Fort. The people have carried almost all their goods out of town, and think themselves ruined, being unable to resist any attempt of the Dutch, who might burn the town three or four hours before help could come. Vessels cannot be seen in the Gunfleet for the thick weather, but a great Dutch man-of-war is standing southward.

June 18.
Deal.

48. Ric. Watts to Williamson. The French King's army has taken Dorinck, near Nieuport. There are reports striking at the good ecclesiastical government, and others of an army landed at Rye or Rumney Marsh. None blaspheme the King, but there are desperate enterprises against some great men. Has "been in great danger, desiring them out of their passion." Most eminent people of Deal have sent their goods to Sandwich or Canterbury. There were great hopes that three regiments of horse and foot would have come to guard the ports, but the adjacent regiments to the sea are not returned, so if the enemy should come on shore, there would not be 300 men for the three castles and the coast; 30 watch on shore every night; 12 ships are seen near Calais.

June 18.
Deal Castle.

49. Col. Titus to Lord Arlington. The Francis, chased into the Downs by seven Dutch men-of-war, is sent, by advice of the pilots, into Dover pier. Some English passengers have landed from the Nieuport packet: one reports that the Hollanders are much alarmed by the Swedish army at Bremen. Two or three English prisoners from Holland say there are 3,000 English and Scotch seamen in the Dutch fleet, and that they have so much encouragement there, and so little at home, that they daily take service. A German reports that the French army are set down before Tournay, but use the Flemings so civilly, that they have lost much of the apprehension of them. One passenger is Mr. Pickering, a merchant of Crutched Friars, born of Dutch parents. The merchants on both sides seem to go and return as they please.

June 18.
9 P. M.
Chelmsford.

50. Sir Jas. Altham and John Bramston, deputy lieutenants of Essex, to Lord [Arlington]. Forty of the enemy's fleet are falling down as fast as the tide allows, the wind being contrary. From Southminster steeple, a great fleet was discerned in three squadrons, which the seamen think to be from the coast of France. Capt. Capel's company, quartered at Southminster, is sent by the lord lieutenant to Manningtree, near Harwich, that that great part of the country may not be left without horse. Two companies of foot are at Burnham, and two at Bradwell.

June 18.
Portsmouth.

51. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The town has been in great alarm, because by mistake the ketch sent out by Sir Rob. Holmes

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gave the signal of the discovery of an enemy. All men repaired to arms, and expected hourly to be engaged, but the ships proved to be the Dragon and some privateers and prizes. It did good, for many came, and appeared very forward, who never intended it before. A ketch has sent in a wine prize to Southampton. Sir Rob. Holmes sends to sea six vessels with fire-ships, to cruise off the Isle of Wight. Three companies of Col. Sydney's regiment have come in to supply Portsmouth garrison, and Sir Phil. Honeywood summoned the inhabitants, 600 of whom enlisted and swore to defend the place with their lives and fortunes.

June 18.⁷³ 52. Sir W. Coventry to Williamson. Requests him to send a St. James's. fourth commission to Sir Phil. Honeywood by next post, that no delay may be given to their fitting themselves against the attempt of the enemy.

June 18. 53. William Lord Allington to Williamson. Wants a commission for Mr. Frazer as a captain in his regiment, and also commissions for his lieutenant and ensign.

June 18. 54. William Lord Allington to Williamson. Capt. Edmund Harris will wait on him for his commission as captain lieutenant to the writer's own company.

June 18. 55. Sir Thos. Williamson to Williamson. Mr. Covett wants a recommendation as officer; he is a soldier, and may be fit for a lieutenant. If the superior officer expects money, he will gratify him.

June 18. 56. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. The Hawk has brought in Portsmouth. a wine prize, bound for Holland, having fallen in with some Dutch merchantmen, but got clear. Sir Rob. Holmes has ordered two vessels to sea, hoping to meet with the rear of them.

June 18. 57. Sarah Lady Ogle to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Requests Michelmarsh. some fit employment against the enemies of the crown for her husband, who, having cleared most of the debts incurred by his losses and sufferings for the late King, lives at her jointure house near Winchester. This would enable him to subsist in a better condition than he can on her poor jointure. He thinks it a disgrace to sit still while far meaner neighbours are courted to employment, and Lord Arlington promised him great kindness.

June 18. 58. Account of ships in the river; viz. between London Bridge and Woolwich, 70 billanders, 70 or 80 smacks, and 377 other ships; nine vessels sunk at Woolwich, and four at Blackwall, one of which has cordage in worth 6,000*l.* or 7,000*l.*; five ships on the stocks, one of which is larger than the Royal Sovereign.

June 18. 59. Commission to Charles Earl of Carlisle to be lieutenant-general Whitehall. of all militia forces in Cumberland, Westmoreland, Northumberland, and Durham, and in all towns, garrisons, forts, &c. therein.

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June 18. Pass for Lord Hamilton into Ireland. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 185.*]
- June 18. Warrant from Sec. Morice to George Gilly, messenger of the
Whitehall. chamber, to apprehend Richard Langhorne, counsellor-at-law in Shire Lane, and bring him before him to answer objections against him. [*Ent. Book 28, p. 5.*]
- June 18. Grant to Sir Edmund Wyndham of the offices of Knight Mar-
shal of the household and Marshal of the Marshalsea of the household. [*Docquet.*]
- June 18. 60. Memoranda relative to the mnster and payment of troops; also
as to whether the King will grant a troop of horse to Sir P. Musgrave, for the better strength of Carlisle, and that Peter Pett is to be brought from the Tower to-morrow afternoon, with a guard.
- June 18. 61. Commission from the Dnke of Albemarle to Lord Frescheville,
Cockpit. or the Commander-in-Chief of the forces in York, not only to command the forces in pay there, but such militia of York and Yorkshire as are drawn into the city, and all other forces, as long as they continue there. *Annexing,*
61. I. *Commission from the Duke of Albemarle to Capt. Herbert Jeffreys, of the King's regiment of foot guards, in absence of Lord Frescheville, to command the horse and foot now quartered in York, keeping necessary guards, and seeing that the troops discharge their quarters when they receive their pay. Noted, "Concerning the keys of all the gates and postern in York."*
61. II. *Commission to Lord Frescheville to march with the forces under his command to any part of Yorkshire to secure peace, paying for their quarters; also to keep the keys of the gates and postern at York, as has been done by all former officers, and to open and shut the gates as he finds cause, for the King's service, and security of the place.*
- June 19. Warrant for a grant to Peter, son and heir of Sir Allan Apsley, in
reversion after Hen. Barker, of the office of Clerk of the Crown. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 18.*]
- June 19. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs to permit Hen. Wilkie,
Whitehall. Spanish merchant, to unlade from the St. John of Congolf, in any English port, paper and wines brought from Bourdeaux; this vessel, bound for Spain, freighted with salmon from Scotland, was seized by a French man-of-war, and not cleared till Lent was past, so that he was obliged to barter her lading for French commodities. [*Ent. Book 25, ff. 22b, 23.*]
- June 19. 62. Anth. Thorold to James Hiekes. A fleet of 20 or 30 sail has
Lyne. passed, some say French, others the Straits' fleet, or Ostenders. The loss of some of the King's ships has much startled the people, but

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they express great readiness to serve when called ; 10 or 12 French men-of-war are about Jersey and Guernsey, and take the boats, so that there is great want of corn.

June 19.
Chester.

63. Ma Anderton to Williamson. On report of the Dutch invasion, the deputy lieutenants have ordered all the horse and foot drawing together, and will send them where most convenient. The Presbyterians and other sectaries are very insolent, talk high, and look hig.

June 19.
Chester.

64. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. The late dishonour received from the Dutch has much perplexed all, and made some say we were asleep, or we should have fortified ourselves against such an attempt, knowing the enemy near. All conclude that there was treachery in the business, and hope the contrivers will receive the reward due to those who betray King and country. All is quiet, and no appearance of a storm from home-bred enemies ; care is taken to observe their actions and discourses. Lord Arran altered his resolution, and went to Holyhead, the wind being westerly. Sends an account of what was done by the deputy lieutenants towards raising the militia. The repairs of the castle are at a stand for want of money ; is assured that Lord Arlington has given orders about it. Chester is looked on as the key to Ireland, and there the late King raised such a number of men as put him in a condition to fight his enemies at Edghill ; it should therefore be secured both from foreign and home enemies, which might be done by a regiment of foot.

June 19.
Yarmouth.

65. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Three great fly-boats are seen near the sands. A mackarel boat was taken by an Amsterdam shallop, which seized 100 out of her 500 fish, and then let her and the men go. Lord Townshend has come to town, attended by a troop of gentlemen, and alighted at Bailiff Thaxter's, where he dined, and has remained all afternoon ; drums are beating for volunteers to serve under him. The seamen are much enraged at the loss sustained, and every one talks at a strange rate.

June 19.
Yarmouth.

66. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The three fly-boats are found to be Swedes bound for London, who were very thankful to be told of the Dutch being in the river ; they are going to Holland for a market. They report that off the coast of Norway, four English frigates and a privateer had taken 40 Dutch merchantmen.

June 19.
Pembroke.

67. Fras. Malory to Williamson. A Looe vessel met 50 French men-of-war, and only saw four of the King's ships, but heard shooting three days.

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68. Fras. Malory to Jas. Hickey. To the same effect.

June 19.
Weymouth.

69. C. S[awtell] to Edm. Sawtell. A fleet of 15 great ships seen to the west of Portland caused much alarm, and the Paradox went out to view them ; they proved to be Ostenders and Hamburgers from Cadiz, and passed on, sending ashore two English merchants, who

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say that the convoys of the fleet courageously prevented a Dutch man-of-war, in the entrance of the Channel, from taking a Plymouth ship which came in company with them. They left 80 English merchant ships, with four convoys, near Cadiz. On the appearance of these ships, the town company was in arms, and the four trained companies drawn thither, who showed a strong resisting courage; but many women sent away their valuables and children into the inner part of the country. Yesterday four militia companies came in, and relieved those who were there before, and who returned home, but all are ready at a call, on pain of death. [1½ pages.]

June 19. 70. John Lyale to Williamson. The inhabitants are in continual
West Cowes. fear of the French, and send away their goods, wives, and children to the best fortified places in the mainland. Forces are wanted to encourage the people, who know not what belongs to war. Sir Hen. Jones is planting guns with the small force there is. A line or two from Williamson, telling them not to be dismayed, would encourage them. A vessel from Malaga says 50 English merchantmen are at Malaga and Cadiz, and among them 12 richly-laden Straits ships from Leghorn and Genoa; they wait four frigates, who are conveying other ships home. Some cruisers should be sent off the Land's End, as there are several Flushing capers there. Tangiers is in good condition, and drives a trade by men-of-war. Five other ships from Malaga have gone into the Downs; from Portland 60 great sails have been espied, cruising eastward. [2 pages.]

June 19. 71. Thos. Holden to Williamson. The French fleet has been
Falmouth. seen off the Lizard, standing eastward. The inhabitants of Penzance are removing their best goods out of town, being in continual fear of their houses being burned, as there is little preparation for defence. The Earl of Bath and Lord Arundel are daily expected, and they hope then to be in better posture.

June 19. 72. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. To the same effect.

June 19. 73. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The galliot hoy has been
1 P.M. attacked by an enemy's galliot. At 11 a.m. the Dutch fleet of 40
Harwich. sail appeared, sailing down to the Gnnfleet, and was ordered to anchor. Mr. Deane, being made captain of the yard, is insolent, and labours to grieve all, and please none. Though Lord Oxford had recommended an express to be sent for the writer, Deane stuck it in his window, and it would have been lost, had not one of his lordship's servants espied it, and brought it to Comr. Taylor, who blamed Deane's conduct.

June 19. 74. "Advices," being notes from letters, all calendared above.

June 19. 75. Pass from Lord Arlington for John Claessen and Peter
Whitehall. Dausigny to go to Holland.

June 19. 76. Statement by Derrick Deters, skipper of the Fortune galliot,
Portsmouth. of Hamburg, of the particulars of his voyage to Martinico, and traffic there. The French told him that they had taken Montserrat since they took St. Christopher's and Antigua; and that young

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Willoughby, with four frigates and ten great merchantmen, was before St. Christopher's, and had burnt a Dutch and a French ship there; he saw 11 great merchant ships coming from St. Christopher's, on expectation of the English fleet's arrival, which ships anchored at Martinico. He saw no sail till he was taken, except three Dutch men-of-war.

June 19.
Norwich.

77. Robt. Scrivener to James Hickey. Sir John Holland's regiment of foot is expected in the city, and is to march towards the coast. The four troops that quartered in Norwich are gone towards Yarmouth.

June 19.
Hull.

78. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Lord Belasyse has ordered all the strangers in the haven to fall down into Whitebooth Road and lade there. All the prisoners in Hull are sent to Beverley, and are thence to go to York.

June 19.
Little Victory,
Humber.

79. Capt. Thos. Blackman to the Navy Comrs. Has lost his masts by foul weather, and Sir Wm. Coventry referred him to them for refitting. Requires masts, sails, and rigging, and divers other things of carpenter's work. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 19.

80. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. Asks for the release of Barth. Clement, master of the Deptford hoy, employed by Mr. Gauden to carry provisions to ships; on his return, he took in some stores belonging to one of the ships, and his lawser being foul, weighed anchor to clear it, when the commander of the Cygnet charged him with an intent of running away with the King's goods, beat him very much, and carried him on board the Sapphire, where he still remains. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 19.
Deptford.

81. Sir Wm. Penn to Sam. Pepys. Will send him a list of the eight boys and galliots, with the names of their commanders. Shall want two more, those sent by Capt. Perriman being no larger than those discharged for being too small. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 19.
Gravesend.

82. Sir Wm. Rider to Sam. Pepys. Gave orders to Mr. Gray to fit and bring down an empty ship to Woolwich, either to sink or for fire. Asks that the man may not suffer for his forwardness, lest others be discouraged from acting in His Majesty's affairs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 19.

83. Edw. Roger to the Navy Comrs. Recommends for the command of a fire-ship Mr. Benson, a very gallant and knowing man, and proper for any employment of danger. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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84. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. The master of the Milkmaid had better consult with the commanders of the ships that come into Kinsale; can direct no orders to him with any assurance. As to taking up ships, His Majesty thinks it hard that the owners should press for a month's imprest at this time, when their ships are taken up for the defence of their own as well as others' interests in the river. The King has taken other men's ships and sunk them, and may take theirs as justly. The intention

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is only to use them for the safety of the Thames, and if used further the owners will have all reasonable satisfaction. Freight is intended them while employed. His Royal Highness will give Capt. [John] Pearse, of the *Convertine*, the command of one of these ships, if he desire it. Asks what other commanders fit for these ships are out of employment. In taking up ships, they are to send notice to the Ordnance what guns will be necessary, that they may have them ready. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 20.
Tower.

85. Edw. Sherburne to Sam. Pepys. Asks particulars concerning six ships to be fitted for sea, that he may provide for their dispatch. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 20.
Ordnance
Office.

86. Sir John Duncombe and Thos. Chicheley to the Navy Comrs. Ask for the discharge of Thos. Thompson, gunner, he having done duty at Greenwich in attending upon the guns there, by order of Sir Wm. Batten, ever since yesterday se'nnight. Had they known a gunner was wanted, should have appointed one of the feed' gunners in the King's pay, but have no money assigned in that office for discharging and paying others. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 19.

87. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. As to Sir Jer. Smith's complaint of want of beer, and of his agent's negligence, finds that the ships have received above 162 tuns at Leith and Hull, and want but 188 tuns to complete the victualling of 500 men for six months. The whole declaration only amounted to 350 tuns, and was expected to be called for gradually, and not all at once as it is. Knows his agent to be both diligent and trusty. Finds the service more troublesome than expected, and sees by frequent experience that his agents meet with much abuse by inferior officers. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 20.
Deptford.

88. Sir Wm. Penn to Sam. Pepys. Has added 20 extra men to the *Merlin* yacht, and desires that victuals and ammunition may be put on board accordingly. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 20.
London.

89. Sir John Knight to Sam. Pepys. Asks that the imprest warrant for 300*l.*, on account of moneys paid by him for the *Dartmouth* and *Little Gift*, and the charges on the pitch and rosin, may be given to his son, and that Sir George Carteret may be directed to pay it at sight. Cannot carry on the service without it. The *Dartmouth* has gone to sea. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 20.
Woolwich.

90. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Hopes they will treat with Rich. Abbott for his elm and oak timber, being the best to be had in those parts; it will answer the necessities of the old and new work. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 20.
Dorset.

91. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Arrival and departure of ships. The two fire-ships will be ready in three days. Desires that no more may be fitted there, as it is very costly work; eight gallons of linseed oil cost 3*l.* 4*s.*, saltpetre 20*d.* per lb., and other ingredients double the London price, and not to be got without ready money, nor with it. Is sick from the fireworks, and forced by the stone colic to get three of his friends to assist in his absence. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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 June 20. The King to [the Mayor, &c. of Berwick]. Having ordered four companies of foot late in that garrison elsewhere, the inhabitants are to be assured of full satisfaction of divers sums owed to them by the soldiers for quarter, &c. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 244.*]
- June [20.] 92. The King to the Mayor, &c., of Newcastle. Signifies his
 Whitehall. appointment of Hen. Earl of Ogle and Chas. Earl of Carlisle as commanders-in-chief for the safety and defence of the four Northern counties. Requests cheerfulness and vigour in assisting the Earl of Carlisle, who is to attend to the preservation of their town and river, in hiring boats to sink in the river, raising platforms and batteries, &c. [*Copy, corrected by Lord Arlington.*]
- [June 20.] 93. Draft of the above.
- June 20. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 244.*]
- June 20† 94. Lord Arlington to Sir John Duncombe. The Earl of Carlisle wishes some money sending at once at Newcastle, to encourage the working at the defence of the river against the enemy.
- June 20. Note of a Captain's commission for foot to be formed out of the workmen of the yard at Portsmouth; sent to Sir Wm. Coventry. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 158.*]
- June 20. Commission to Henry Earl of Ogle and Chas. Earl of Carlisle to be commanders-in-chief of all the militia forces in cos. Cumberland, Westmoreland, Northumberland, and Durham. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 160.*]
- June 20. Commission to Chas. Earl of Carlisle to be Lieutenant-General of all the armies and forces in England and Wales. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 160.*]
- June 20. Commission for Henry Sydney to be Captain of a company of foot to be added to the Holland regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 161.*]
- June 20. Commissions for three non-regimented Captains; sent to Lord Widdrington. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 161.*]
- June 20. Warrant for conveying [Thos.] Smallridge prisoner to the Gatehouse. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 485.*]
- June 20. 95. Like minute, and also minute of a warrant to the keeper of the Gatehouse to keep him close prisoner for dangerous and seditious practices.
- June 20. Warrant to apprehend Henry Oldenburg, and commit him to the Tower for dangerous designs and practices. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 485.*]
- June 20. Warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower to take Henry Oldenburg into custody, and keep him close prisoner. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 485.*]

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June 20. 96. Receipt by Edw. Cressett, gaoler, from George Guilliat, messenger, of the person of Henry Oldenburg, committed by warrant from the King to the Tower.
- June 20. 97. Warrant to Lord Arlington to insert in the commissions of Whitehall. captains and under officers of foot,—which were first framed to be in independent companies under any regiments to which they might be appointed,—a specification of the particular regiment to which they are designed, according to the usual form.
- June 20. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 486.*]
- June 20. 98. Minute of the above.
- June 20. Warrant for assignment of the yearly pension of 600*l.* granted in 1663 to Sir Bernard Gascoigne, with 2,250*l.* arrears due thereon, to be paid from the impost of 5*s.* a tun on French wines. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 487-8.*]
- [June 20.] 99. Draft of the above. [*1½ pages.*]
- June 20. Warrant for a presentation of George Neville to the rectory of Whitehall. Curry Mallet, co. Somerset. [*Ent. Book 27, f. 16.*]
- June [20.] 100. Hen. Muddiman to Sir George Cooke, at Wheatley, Doncaster. Whitehall. News-letter. Account of a mischief done by the late storm to a fleet of colliers, 30 or 40 of which are lost, and the Little Victory, their convoy, damaged. Proceedings of the French in Flanders. The Duke of Cambridge is removed to Chelsea, eats what he likes, and seems better. The issue of the treaty of Breda seems to depend on the success of the Dutch fleet; on the 6th it appeared off Harwich and the neighbourhood, only frightening a few fishermen, landing on the coasts, and driving off some cattle. On the 10th it came within shot of Sheerness, and after some hours took the guns, and on the 11th, by degrees got 20 or 22 ships over the narrow part of the river at Chatham, where ships had been sunk; after 2½ hours' fighting, one guard ship after another was fired and blown up, and the enemy master of the chain. They then took the Royal Charles, quenching the flames, though she stranded, and also the Matthias, Charles V., and Amity. Nothing was now left to oppose them but works hastily thrown up, yet the courage of the English was such that they only dared on the 12th instant to fire three ships that lay close to them. Being fired on by guns from the platform and from Upnor Castle, and having suffered great loss, as confessed by the prisoners taken, they fired three of their own ships that were manned, left two stranded, and went. This surprise has caused the raising a platform at Woolwich with 60 pieces of ordnance, and the strengthening of Dover, Gravesend, &c. Ten new regiments are to be forthwith raised, under the Marquis of Worcester and others. The French fleet of 40 sail is seen off the Isle of Wight. [*3 pages.*]
- June 20. 101. Sir Jer. Smith to Williamson. His ships have taken five Leith Road. more large prizes, and sunk another. The Isabella has brought in

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a small privateer; the Hampshire has taken a prize, laden with deals; the Tiger and five other vessels were in pursuit of 30 or 40 merchant ships; the Plymouth has taken off the coast of Ireland a rich prize from Amsterdam, bound for the East Indies, of 700 or 800 tons, with stores, ammunition, and many chests of money, which is secured, and the prize will be sent to a more secure place. The cargoes of nine East India ships were to have been paid for out of the effects of this and of another that parted from her a few days before, but which may probably be taken. Has put 200 prisoners ashore at Leith. The Marshal complains of the prisons being crowded. Intends to sail in the morning. [1½ pages.]

June 20.
Edinburgh.

102. Rob. Mein to Williamson. An East India ship, taken by Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron, has arrived in Leith Road, and is worth above 20,000*l.*; it has several chests of gold and silver and above 150 men on board. Sir Rob. Murray has brought a letter from the King, to say that His Majesty will make the Earl of Rothes Lord Chancellor of Scotland, and will rule the Exchequer by six commissioners. The Lord Commissioner has written to the King, craving pardon for his unfitness for the charge, not being a scholar, and therefore unable to be president in all the courts of Scotland. Great preparations are making for any attempt by the enemy, who dared not approach last time, though they had many fire-ships. All are troubled at the bad news of the King's ships being fired. In case of any extraordinary attempt, Sir Jeremy Smith will put into Burntisland harbour.

June 20 ?

103. Petition of Dr. Richard Francklin to the King, for letters of recommendation to the place of physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, in which he has been some time assistant, such as His Majesty before gave in favour of Dr. Dacres. *Annexing,*

103. 1. *The King to the Treasurer and Governors of Bethlehem and Bridewell hospitals. Recommends Dr. Rich. Francklin to succeed the late Dr. Nurce as physician to those hospitals. [Draft.]*

June 20.

104. Dr. R. Francklin to Williamson. Thanks for his letter to the Lord Mayor, who is more inclinable than before in the writer's favour. The court is put off till Wednesday; wishes Sir Rich. Browne may be there.

June 20.
Hull.

105. Lord Belasyse to Williamson. Sir Fras. Cobb has requested two companies of foot for Hull garrison, to be added to the four who were there before the arrival of the Guards, now commanded away. The companies are to consist of 100 men as before. Wants the two commissions and order accordingly. All things are in good condition. [1½ pages.]

June 20.
Portsmouth.

106. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Lord Gerard is setting town and garrison people to work on the fortifications, so that the place will be able to defend itself against all enemies. Ships are

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plying to give notice of the arrival of any enemy. Two wine and brandy ships are sent in, which pretend to be of Ostend, but are supposed prizes.
- June 20. 107. Sir W. Coventry to Williamson. The commission should
St. James's. be for the townsmen of Portsmouth and inhabitants of the island, not for the men of the yard. Begs its despatch.
- June 20. 108. Rich. Browne to Williamson. There has been an alarm of
7 A.M. 30 Dutch men-of-war off Lowestoft. Some have been seen near,
Aldborough. and there are 50 sail in the Gunfleet, which, it was supposed, would attack Harwich this morning, but no guns are heard yet.
- June 20. 109. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Six or seven sail more from
Harwich. the Thames have joined the Dutch fleet in the Gunfleet, and all, 52 or 53 sail, have gone homeward. Two of their small vessels have been sounding below the fort. Seven colliers had been laid across the arm of the sea, from Landguard Fort to the side beacon, and a ship of 20 guns near the West rock, all with jack, ensign, and pendant, as though they were men-of-war, and with holes cut, ready to be sunk in case of any attempt of the enemy. Lord Oxford has commanded several companies of militia to the town, and a troop or two of horse, and the like at Landguard. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.] *Annexing,*
109. 1. *Postscript at noon, that the Dutch fleet are now returning, making for Harwich, and plying up and down the West Rock, the foremost turning into the Medway, and the rest, 60 sail, turning into the Gunfleet. A great ship of theirs is said to be run aground.*
- June 20. 110. Fras. Newby to James Hickey. The town is in a dis-
Harwich. tracted condition, because of the enemy's continuing before the harbour. Hopes, if they should attempt it, they would have a very hot welcome.
- June 20. 111. John Man to Williamson. Fifty French men-of-war are
Swansea. said to be off Land's End, and great shooting heard, so that our frigates are supposed to have met with them. Watch is well kept, and the people seem ready to venture their all for King or country, at home or abroad, if commanded. Baronet Stradling has come down to raise his company of foot under command of the Marquis of Worcester, and finds so good acceptance in beating his drums that he will soon complete his number of able, stout young men. The Marquis is ready to lead them into any danger that may contribute to the safety of the English and offence of the enemy.
- June 20. 112. John Conny to Williamson. The enemy drew off last
Chatham. evening; none are now in view. Hopes to recover the Victory in two tides. The St. George and four other ships are all aloft and secure.
- June 20. 113. F. Bernard to Louis Parant. Regrets his illness. Private
Exeter. affairs. [*French, 2 pages.*]

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June 21. 114. Philip Simon to Charles Bertan, care of Mdme. Menseau,
Chelsea College. Nantes. Hopes deliverance from his present misery. Private
affairs. [*French.*]
- June 21. 115. Sir Wm. Rider to Williamson. Is very busy. Fourteen
Gravesend. pieces of great cannon are mounted, and six or eight more will soon
be. Matters are so improved that the enemy may have such a
welcome as they expected not. They are all gone to sea, but may
return again next spring tide. Will sign such a receipt as he desires
for the 300*l*.
- June 21. 116. Ja. Hickes to Williamson. Thinks it better, considering
the condition of the King's affairs, to send a letter coming out of
the country for that grand rebel in Rome. *Encloses,*
116. 1. *R. Neville to his brother Sir Hen. Neville, Rome. Capt. Hyde came from the Isle of Wight to resign his commission, to save himself from the dangerous expedition; my lord would not receive it without open publication that he resigns from fear, not disaffection. This he would not do; so he marched on, and is likely to come off bravely; for the French King has sent word that he will not trouble the King this year, and allowed a company of merchant ships to pass untaken through his fleet. The Dutch forced the chain below Chatham, sank two ships, and took the Charles. They would have attempted the whole Navy, but for the Duke of Albemarle, who came in time with force from London, and by suddenly raising two platforms, beat them back with great loss; but several ships, both English and Dutch, were forced to be sunk. It was wondered why the blockhouses did so little service, and the captains were questioned; they showed that they had informed the Council of their defects of guns, platforms, and shot; but the Council replied, that the peace being as good as concluded, no more money was to be issued. Albemarle foresaw the danger, and urged the King to set forth the fleet once more, as it would be the cheapest way to make peace with his sword drawn; but he was overruled by the good husbands of the Council. He storms now, and makes the King resent it, so that it will be to the prejudice of some grantees, unless a peace is clapped up. When the alarm came, the militia and volunteer horse came out in better mien and stronger than ever, but now only a few are kept together, to cool the courage of the Presbyterians, who bragged that the Dutch would not rest till they were suffered to preach publicly. Is suffering from the stone. [2½ pages.] Billingbear, June 20.*
- June 21. 117. John Sparke to Thos. Knight, merchant of London. Hears
Exeter. that 14 or 16 vessels have arrived at Plymouth, and that Montserrat, St. Christopher's, and Antigua are possessed by the English.

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June 21. 118. Sir Wm. Coventry to Williamson. Hears from Portsmouth
St. James's. that another commission is wanted for the men of the yard.
Requests it to be sent.
- June 21. 119. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The Victory has brought
Plymouth. in two French salt and brandy prizes, bound for Ireland. The
French fleet is gone to Brest, but is badly manned and poorly
victualled. Notices of two other prizes.
- June 21. 120. John Clarke to Williamson. The Earl of Bath, governor,
Plymouth. Lord Arundel, and several other persons of honour have come to the
town, in order to settle the west in a posture of defence against
any attempt of the enemy. The Victory has brought in two prizes.
Eight of the Straits' fleet have arrived, reaching Tangiers 24 hours
after our fleet had left. Rear Admiral Kempthorne and the other
frigates in port will sail to-morrow.
- June 21. 121. John Clarke to James Hickey. To the same effect.
- June 21. 122. D. O[rosse] to Williamson. Capt. Sadlington's privateer met
Plymouth. 16 French men-of-war and some fire-ships, going directly into Brest
harbour. The Sorlings is in the Soundings convoying four New-
foundland ships. Arrival of eight of the Straits' fleet. The Victory
and Drake have brought in four French prizes.
- June 21. 123. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The last news has much satis-
Newcastle. fied the people, and all sorts are willing to hazard their lives and
their fortunes for King and country. The mayor is active in getting
arms and ammunition. There was a false alarm this morning of 17
ships seen off the har.
- June [21?] 124. John Maurice to Williamson. Twelve vessels from Ireland,
Mincebad. laden with cattle and sheep, have met no pickeroons. Lundy
Island is very slenderly guarded; four or five men from a vessel
riding on a cross wind crept over the gates, and went to the
people's houses before they saw anybody. If the Dutch should
take the island, it would block up the Severn, and a dozen good
men could secure it from the world. Every Englishman should be
instrumental to the security of his nation.
- June 21. 125. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The three companies of
Hall. Guards have gone to Barton, and will be at London on the 29th.
Three companies of trained bands have come from Beverley under
Col. Wharton and Captains Bethel and Vavasour. Capt. Moontan's
company, all lusty able men, have come in, and express readiness to
serve King and country. All the guns towards Humber are laid
on good carriages, and the platforms mended. Lord Belasyse is
very observant in mending all things amiss about the town, and
the townsmen willingly assist the garrison in planting the guns, &c.
A Swede from Quinsborough has met a small caper, who boarded
her, but forsook her on being chased by the Swallow and Gernsey.
- June 21. 126. John Wickens to James Hickey. The place is in a distracted
Southwold. condition, 40 of the Dutch fleet being in sight, and it is feared they

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will attempt to land. Guns have gone off nearly all the day. A French shallop cruising in the bay boarded three Swedes, and took away some provisions and clothes from them.

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Yarmouth.

127. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Two Swedish vessels sailing southward have returned to harbour, for fear of five Dutch men-of-war off Orfordness. A caper has taken from them some clothes and provisions. They report that four English frigates and a privateer have taken off Norway, 44 out of 60 sail of Dutch ships, with two men-of-war, and are in chase of the rest. Major Wyndham took horse for the Isle of Ely, intending to leave Major Markham lieutenant-governor, but the Major, being a Catholic, was not liked; whereon Sir Robert Kemp and Sir Jacob Ashley were left in trust. Capt. Bramwell and Col Farr's foot companies have marched out of town for Ely. Thirty Dutch men-of-war have been espied about the Barnard; the people are in a great fright, the trained bands of the island being sent away last Sunday for Newmarket, and none sent in their room; they fear some treachery, and send their goods away. Several Ostenders riding before the town are ordered to fall down the river, and ride between the town and the haven's mouth. The bailiffs have sent to tell Lord Townshend that the Dutch are upon the coast; his lordship went for Norwich yesterday. Sir Wm. Doyley has come in, and two companies of foot are coming into town.

June 21.
Christ's College.

128. Dr. R. Widdrington to Lady Fanshaw, Hatton Garden. A fellowship of the college being this morning void, Dr. Cudworth and the fellows elected Jas. Leigh, son of an old schoolmaster, in disobedience to the King's express mandate in favour of her son Charles, now in His Majesty's service with the ambassador in Holland. Has protested, complained, and appealed in vain. The King should write to the visitors of Christ's College, Cambridge, and Lord Arlington to Dr. Wilford, the vice-chancellor, before whom the case is to be heard on Thursday. Would have written to Lord Fanshaw, but was uncertain of his being in London.

June 21.
Berwick.

129. M. Scott to Williamson. Two ships under Sir Jeremy Smith have brought into the Frith in Scotland an East India vessel of 700 tons and 32 brass guns, with chests of coined gold and silver on board; she is valued at 300,000*l*. All things are in a quiet condition.

June 21.
Durham.

130. Col. Edw. Villers to Williamson. Has visited the 300 volunteer troops of the county, who might make good dragoons; their affections must be cherished, and they may do good service in frightening an enemy at a distance. Is glad Lord Carlisle is coming down to witness to his diligence. He will find the masters of ships hard to put into a method, but they have been induced to join two or three ships to a boat, and thus to man six Newcastle shallops and some long boats. This was all the Mayor of Newcastle, Sir Ralph Delavale, and himself could bring them to. As the new battery is completed, if the fire-ship promised had come,

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would not have cared for their whole fleet. Wishes he had been thought of when commissions were issued for raising regiments. Is rather ambitious to serve the King than to command; begs assistance therein.

June 21 131. R. B. to ———. The English letters for Bruges have been sent back to England by mistake. Hears that the King summoned Parliament for the 25th instant, on which the Duke of Buckingham surrendered to Sec. Morice, and was sent to the Tower. Parliament is expected to be very sharp against some grandees, many complaints being made by soldiers and seamen that they have to give part of their pay to receive the rest. The King thereupon issued a proclamation that whoever could prove this should have satisfaction, removed Sir George Carteret from the treasurership of the Navy, and put the Earl of Anglesey in his place. When the letters left, the Dutch were in the river, and the people in Essex and Kent for 20 miles distance were fled. It is feared that the ships sunk in the river will make it unnavigable, unless quickly weighed, which cannot be done for fear of the Dutch. Proceedings of the French in Flanders, taking of Douay, &c. [2 pages.]

June 21. Passes for the Marquis de Flamerin and for Don Bernardo Salinas into Flanders. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 488.*]

June 21. The King to Lord Chancellor Clarendon. The kingdom being in continual danger of invasion from an insolent enemy, a considerable army must be raised, which cannot be done without money. Urges him to quicken the judges, sergeants, and other professors of law, to make a voluntary liberal contribution by way of loan, in this pressing time of danger, to be repaid from the 11 months' assessment. Hopes his endeavours will produce a speedy and cheerful compliance. With note that in the letters to lord lieutenants of counties, they are required to quicken the subjects within their several lieutenancies capable of voluntary contributions. [*Ent. Book 26, f. 11.*]

June 21. The King to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Similar letter, requiring him to promote loans among the clergy. Hopes his labours will be successful, as he has to deal with "persons endued with discretion and ingenuity, who cannot forget what tenderness we have for them, what care to protect and support them, and how much their interest and welfare is involved in ours." [*Ent. Book 26, ff. 11 b-12.*]

June 21. 132. S. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of 19 ships, and their position. Must shut up shop unless the victualler has money. His agent has taken up 1,600*l.* and charged bills for it upon the victualler, which are all returned. Some bakers and brewers can trust no longer, and it is not sure how long the rest will. Mr. Gauden writes that it is an intermission of affairs by the death of the Lord Treasurer. The French fleet of 25, whereof two were flag-ships, is gone to Brest. Lord Bath is come, and a few companies are called

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out for the better defence of Plymouth. The walls of the new citadel are raised to 20 feet, and secured by a gate, which a company guards every night. Some part is hereafter to be pulled down again, and made very stately, and four companies are to be raised for the defence of it. One regiment is to be raised in Cornwall. Twelve of the Straits' fleet are come in. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 21. 133. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Arrival and departure of ships. The Victory brought in a French prize. The want of Mr. Gauden's order for petty warrant to the victualler is a great loss. Desires their commands as to his objections to Mr Lanyon's account. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 21. 134. Humphrey Pibus to the Navy Comrs. A Scotch privateer has brought in a Dutch prize, with 46 masts and deals on board. Will keep them from sale for eight days that they may have the first offer. Was ordered his disbursements on the Flying Hound, but has not received one farthing. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 21. 135. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. His Majesty and His Royal Highness have approved of the ships, and their commanders will be appointed forthwith. Desires they will demand guns, &c. from the Ordnance for them. Capt. [George] Liddell of the Roebuck writes from Margate, that he saw the whole Dutch fleet off the Knock yesterday. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 22. 136. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Gives the names of the persons who are to command six merchant ships impressed for the service. Five have their commissions, and Capt. Pearse, late of the Convertine, is designed for the Hamburg Merchant. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 22. 137. Edw. Gregory to Sam. Pepys. Hears no news of the money for payment of the pensioners, many of whom have arrived in the town. The governor of the chest entreats him to represent the ill consequence of disappointing these poor men, after their being invited down by public notice, and Lord Brouncker and Sir John Mennes have written to Sir Wm. Coventry to beg his assistance. Mr. Burroughs is expected to accompany the money, if procurable. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 22. 138. Chr. Pett and Sam. Walsall to the Navy Comrs. Send particulars of the dimensions, &c. of four smacks of Barking, together with the names of their masters. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 22. 139. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships. The Holland fleet lies off Harwich and Landguard Fort, but has attempted nothing as yet. Nine colliers are ready to be sunk for the security of the harbour. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 22. 140. John Badcock to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the ship building. Eight barges of timber and plank are come in; the great want is men; not so many come as Mr. Baylie might employ. Carpenters enough are in the town, but they will not work. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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June 22. 141. Fras. Baylis to the Navy Comra. The delay in building the
Bristol ship is not his fault. By his contract he was to receive 1,750*l.* to buy the timber, but could not receive a farthing until the February following; has 800*l.* due on an imprest bill for the St. Patrick, Is not so considerable a person as to build such a ship unless he receive his money. Has endeavoured to the utmost of his credit to carry on the work. Could employ 140 men if supplied with money. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]
- June 22. Reference to the Attorney General on the petition of Sir Thos. Bond. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 252.*]
- June 22. Warrant for Phineas Pett and a servant to have access to Peter Pott, a prisoner in the Tower. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 488.*]
- [June.] 142. Petition of Joan Smallridge to Lord Arlington, for leave to bring things necessary and convenient to her husband, a prisoner in the Gatehouse.
- June 22. Warrant to Joan Smallridge to see her husband in the Gatehouse. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 488.*]
- June 22. Warrant authorizing Sir Stephen Fox to deduct, as his own allowance, fourpence out of every pound payable to the new-raised forces, in compensation for shortness in bags, false money, expenses of letters, connected with his said office, fees in the Exchequer on receipt of money for the forces, &c. which are now much increased [*Ent. Book 23, p. 502.*]
- June 22. 143. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The Hampshire has taken a
Newcastle large fly boat laden with masts, being one out of 10 ships which came from Norway. Capt. John Wetwyng has fallen in with the rest of them, and probably taken them all.
- June 22. 144. Capt. John Wetwyng to [Williamson]. Has come in with
Leith Road five prizes, all great ships, laden with masts and deals, three of which were taken by himself. Is going to sea again. Knows not whether Sir Jeremy Smith goes himself in the Plymouth.
- June 22. 145. Silas Taylor to Williamson. On Thursday, saw six or seven
Harwich ships in Ousley Bay. Yesterday the Dutch plied up and down with some ships; two came to within two leagues, which so frightened the impudent master shipwright, that he sent his goods away to Ipswich, and gave an alarm without order, though both the Earl of Oxford and Lord Hereford were in the place; the ships then stood off towards the Sledway. Guns have been heard, and one of the Dutch ships is said to be aground on Bardsey Sand. Sir Jos. Jordan says she will get off again. The ships are about the Gunfleet and Sledway.
- June 22. 146. Rich. Browne to Williamson. A Swede reports that Sir
S.A.M. Aldborough Jeremy Smith has taken 40 sail that he met with. The Dutch fleet has given an alarm, but attempted nothing. A boat sent ashore

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to burn the lighthouse and steal sheep was beaten off, and another boat retreated seeing horsemen on the beach. Sir John Rous' regiment of foot, and Capt. Lemon's troop of horse, came to assist. The whole fleet of 100 sail is in sight to the south, but the N.E. wind prevents it from coming in. The 11 ships in the bay fire guns all night long: being beyond gun shot, it must be in drinking healths, or to amuse the country, who come down cheerfully to assist with what weapons they have. More sails are now espied, supposed to be the whole fleet, and an attempt is expected. A fire at Framlingham, supposed to be on purpose, has burnt three houses. Strong guard is now kept to prevent such attempts.

June 22.
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Yarmouth.

147. Sir Wm. Doyley to Sir Peter Gleane, Bart. Is sorry Sir Peter is ordered away from the regiment at this time. There are 2,000 foot and five troops of horse in Yarmouth, and 1,000 will sail out with four troops of horse, in case of attack. Three ships are ready to be sunk at the boom and pier's head if needful. The guns are fixed, hearts up, and many officers and soldiers wish the Dutch were in the road. Never saw so much steady resolution in men; 1,000 seamen are in the port, some quartered at the several guns, others forming into companies. All are resolved to give the King a good account of the place, or lay their bones there. At 9 last night, the Dutch were standing to sea, between Southwold and Lowestoft. [*1½ pages.*]

June 22.
Chester.

148. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. Ireland is in a good posture, notwithstanding the almost intolerable prejudice done by the late Act against the importation of their cattle. An East India ship, the Constantinople, has arrived richly laden. The coast is clear; no capers that came so far as that Channel ever got home safe, but were taken or sunk. Many lies have been vented by the old Presbyterian gang: is in quest of some of them, and hopes to prevent the lies spreading. Thanks for his constant intelligence.

June 22.
Bridlington.

149. John Bower to James Hickey. The sad news of the trouble in the South has raised alarm, and caused the place to be put in a good posture of defence. The fort goes on vigorously, and will soon be finished. Sir Rob. Hildyard, the governor, is daily present there. The trained bands are up, and quartered at the seaside. No considerable enemies have lately appeared. The Swallow and Guernsey are cruising between Flamborough and Scarborough.

June 22.
Pembroke.

150. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Has no news.

June 23.
Dover Castle.

151. Col. John Strode to Sir Wm. Coventry. Will make the person recommended by Sir Thos. Teddeman border of Dover Castle if he can give good security. Hammond, a suspicious person, who went into Flanders without pass, and carried a packet for Holland, returned by Deal and went on to Canterbury. Sent two of Capt. Armstrong's company after him, but he defended the chamber till Sir Wm. Man and the mayor, with a file of soldiers, broke open the door. They searched him, but could find no papers. He denies all; pretends that he went over on employment in Lord Castlehaven's

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regiment, and would not open his chamber door for fear of hailiffs. Has engaged him to wait on him (Sir William) and give an account of his voyage; will believe him guilty if he come not, but dares not keep him, having no proof against him: he lives at Reading. The Dutch fleet is near Thanet. [1½ pages.]

June 23. 152. Col. John Strode to Sir Wm. Coventry. At the same time
Dover Castle. that Hammond left, the Dutch advice boat was at Nieuport, and a packet was brought from England for it by a young man; no other English passenger went. Offered to let him go to London if he would find any one to promise for him to appear before him (Sir William); or to release him, if he would pass his word to his landlord, Mr. Rous, not to go without permission; but as he would do neither, he is confined till further orders. Fourteen Dutch boats are in Calais Roads, and have fired off many guns in rejoicing. Has sent out boats to see where the Dutch fleet is.

June 23. 153. John Conny to Williamson. Returns some letters, the
Chatham. gentleman to whom they are addressed being gone before their delivery. The Victory has been got afloat, with much trouble, and the King has saved a very good ship.

June 23. 154. Cha. Honeywood to Williamson. The Bristol and Dragon,
Portsmouth. having cruised four days and met nothing, have come to Spithead. Lord Gerard went yesterday to the Isle of Wight, and is expected back to-night.

June 23. 155. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Frigates are cruising off
Portsmouth. the Isle of Wight, to give notice of any vessel coming, and prevent surprise. The Lord General is earnest in forwarding the fortifications; all hands are at work upon them, and they will make the place impregnable.

June 23. 156. M. Scott to Williamson. The report of the taking of a ship
Berwick. worth 400,000*l.* is confirmed by a Scotch gentleman. Sir Wm. Forster, high sheriff of Northumberland, with his train band company, came to Berwick Bridge, and intended to come into the town, as ordered by Council, but the governor said the order was countermanded; so they quarter on the other side of the bridge till the four companies of Guards march out.

June 23. 157. [Col. Titus] to Lord Arlington. There was not much cause
Deal Castle. for the alarm given by the Dutch fleet's approaching the Isle of Thanet, for the body of the fleet keeps at a distance; 14 or 15 sail are come into Margate Road, but they have neither fired nor attempted to put men on shore. Cannons and small shot are heard in Flanders, from Ypres, according to the news-book's intelligence. The ships that have passed and repassed are judged to be merchantmen and their convoys.

June 23. 158. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Yesterday the enemy was in
Deal. sight of the North Foreland. Col. Titus and the commander, Capt. John Poole, are very active. In less than two hours the townsmen,

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both seamen and landmen, appeared in the field in arms, 160 in all, beside Col. Titus' yellow company. Great guns are often heard, but supposed to be in Flanders. The enemy came into both Forelands, but the thick weather prevents their being seen.

June 23.
Norwich.

159. Dr. Jo. Croftes to Williamson. Sir Peter Gleaner, chosen by Lord Townshend as Lieutenant-Colonel, is employed to London on business about his regiment, of which 500 men are already raised; requests assistance for him, as he is unacquainted with the Court.

June 23.
Deptford.

160. John Cox to the Navy Comrs. Asks for eight ships more to be sent to Woolwich, to be sunk to secure the passage, and prevent the enemy coming any higher. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 23.
Plymouth.

161. Thos. Melmoth, muster-master, to Thos. Hayter. Hopes the books sent by the carrier have arrived. The Monk's book was sent to him from sea, and the Judge Advocate and his clerk were appointed to be entered on her by Sir Thos. Allin's order. Has been much delayed by the pursers, and the bad news puts all to a stand. Is informed by seven merchant ships arrived from Malaga and Cadiz, that near 40 sail more are on their voyage for England, with the Leopard and three other frigates for convoy. The French fleet of 24 sail, with their fire-ships, were not met with by the seven ships. Names of six ships in the Downs. Five fire-ships are in Catwater. The Earl of Bath is in town, and all things in a good posture of defence. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 24.
Kington-upon-
Hall.

162. Thos. Pointer to the Navy Comrs. Asks for orders as to the Little Victory, directed to be laid up, her guns, ammunition, and stores; also payment of her men. Her muster books in the ticket office should be sent down. The Oxford lies close before the town, and the Swallow and Guernsey are expected. The place is putting into a very good posture of defence to receive the enemy, if they dare venture to make any attempt upon it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 24.
Little Victory.

163. Capt. Thos. Blackman to the Navy Comrs. Has acquainted Mr. Pointer with their order, consulted Mr. Blaydes, and found as convenient a place of security for lying up as any in the Thames. The books are ready, and will be delivered according to order. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 24.
11 A.M.,
Deptford.

164. Sir W. Penn to Sam. Pepys. Wm. Ward is appointed commander of the Mary smack, which completes the number of 12. Desires him to give directions for his victuals and ammunition. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 24.

165. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. The owners of the Loyal Subject, and the master of the Baltimore were before the Council, and insisted on the great arrears due for freight. The Council allowed the justice on their side, but being unable to help them to money, proposed, if they wanted stores, that they should be furnished at a reasonable price by way of imprest. Desires him, if they lay

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1667. hold of this proposition, to settle with them. He must effectually speak with Mr. Gauden, as Sir Thos. Allin fears a total stop of victuals at Plymouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 24. 166. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. Asks him to inquire
St. James's. whether the merchants will provide themselves with fit boatwains and carpenters for their ships. Will fill up their warrants on receipt of their names. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 24. 167. John Clarke to Williamson. The Drake has brought in a
Plymouth. Canary wine prize, which he pretends to be an Ostender; 10 or 12 frigates in port will sail the first fair wind.
- June 24. 168. Rowland Selby to Williamson. On Saturday a warm alarm
Wingham. from the Isle of Thanet, where part of the Dutch fleet was seen, put all the island to their arms, and gave the alarm to Deal and Dover castles. The Governor of Deal required the writer's troop to draw into Sandwich. The fleet has since put off, and nothing is heard of them.
- June 24. 169. [T. Corie] to Williamson. The ranting Dutch have given
Norwich. some alarms to the Suffolk coasts, the people being terrified with everything that had canvas about it. The activity of the noble Lord Lieutenant, and the ready appearance of the militia must not be forgotten. The head quarters have been at Harwich 10 or 11 days, as the properest place to receive men and gain intelligence. The town politicians are a wretched generation, whom nothing but the product of their own fancy will satisfy. Is ill with fever.
- June 24. 170. Jo. Gwin to Williamson. Lord Oxford is much dissatisfied
Harwich. with the Colchester postmaster, for ill mounting persons that come put in this important conjuncture, and neglecting to speed forward expresses and even the ordinary letters; he should have a severe check. Sir Jos. Jordan, with the Little Lenox and three other ships, went to view the enemy's fleet of 10 or 12 large and as many small vessels, including De Ruyter and three other flag ships which lay four leagues off. All the enemy's ships quickly weighed anchor, and let fall their sails, and despatched two vessels. Our men tried to get them at a distance from their fleet to attempt them, but they could not. Great industry is used in securing Harwich, and it is so fortified with batteries that it is judged very secure. [2 pages.]
- June 24. 171. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Five Swedish vessels have
Yarmouth. come into the harbour. Sir Jacob Ashley and Sir Knevitt Cate-lyne's troops of horse have come into town; also Sir John Holland's regiment of foot. A fly-boat is ready to be sunk at the entrance of the boom, to stop any fire-ship coming into the haven to destroy the shipping. Two Ostenders report that the French have stormed Douay and another town in Flanders, and put the townsmen to the sword. Sir Hen. Bacon's company, which was quartered at Lowestoft, has returned. None of the Dutch fleet are seen, but their guns are daily heard.

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June 24. 172. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Scilly is in good condition in
Truro. case of attempts by the enemy ; 16 sail were near it for a fortnight,
supposed to be part of the French fleet, which is returned to Brest.
- June 24. 173. Jo. Man to Williamson. It is supposed that the French at
Swansea. the Land's End wait for the West India fleet, which is said to be
arrived in Ireland, rather than with any intention to land.
- June 24. 174. The King to the Prize Comrs. and Barons of the Exchequer.
Whitehall. Granted to Prince Rupert, Jan. 25, 1667, all goods and merchandise
embezzled from prizes, and not yet discovered, or as much as should
be by him discovered before March 25 1667 ; but finding that,
through the shortness of time, and intervention of other discoverers,
he will not receive the benefit intended, extended the grant to the
25th of the present June, and now extends it again to September 29,
making it include goods embezzled since September 29, 1666.
[2 pages.]
- June 24. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 26, pp. 17b, 18.*]
- June 24. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 26, p. 12.*]
- June 24. The King to [the University of Cambridge]. Requests them to
Whitehall. admit Peter Scott, who has spent much time at Oxford in the study
of civil law, and added the knowledge of common law by many
years application at the inns of court in London, to the degree of
doctor of laws, without the previous exercises. [*Ent. Book 27,*
p. 123.]
- June 24. Grant to Dr. Clarke of the office of Second Physician in Ordinary,
and of the reversion of the principal physician's place after the death
of Dr. Bates. [*Docquet.*]
- June 24. 175. Declaration by Lord Arlington, postmaster general, of his
appointment of Andrew Ellis as deputy postmaster.
- June 24. 176. Martin Beckman, Swedish captain of artillery, to the King.
Stade. Has brought to perfection a mode of firing ships, which he offers as
likely to do infinite service against the Dutch, to ruin whom he
would risk his life, for the wrongs they have done him. Offers to
consume and ruin their forces, and, if sent for, will come to England.
Knows good modes of shooting down masts and forecables of ships.
Is sorry that the forts at Harwich, Gravesend, and Portsmouth are
in so bad a condition. Could so defend a haven, at little expense,
that no enemy could force a way into it. [2 pages.]
- June 24. 177. Sir Phil. Musgrave to Williamson. Encloses a letter sent
by Mr. Sanderson. Thanks for his weekly news, private reports
differing so much. On that side Trent, truth is the hardest thing
to be met with, people telling abominable lies, as fancy or fear,
want of money, or disappointment that there is not a peace make
them angry that we are not in better posture at sea, to preserve the
ancient honour of England. Is daily troubled with discourses, since
the Chatham business.

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June 24. 178. Sir John Austen to Lord Arlington. Sends by a trooper a
Hall Place. person brought in by a seaman; he cannot speak Italian nor Spanish,
but only broken Latin. Sends also some papers taken about him,
which may be of concern. *Encloses,*
178. 1. *Information of Thos. Hall, seaman of Greenwich, taken
before Sir John Austen, of Bezeley, Bart. Met with the
man in question at Northfleet, near Gravesend; he said
he could speak Italian, Spanish, Dutch, and Portuguese.*

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June 25. 1. Luke Jones and Miles Wallis, bailiffs, and John Sicklemore,
Ipswich. recorder of Ipswich, to the Duke of Albemarle. Have imprisoned
one [Chris.] Pooley, who formerly escaped from prison in the
town; he is of dangerous principles, and refuses to take the oath of
obedience, or acknowledge himself a subject of the King. Send
some letters and books found in his pocket.
- June 25. 2. Sir John Mounson to Williamson. The county militia, being
Grimsby. called on duty for defence of the coast, appeared very full, and in
readiness to oppose any enemies. Major [Edmond] Rolph, who
formerly undertook to assassinate the late King, and has been a
prisoner at Carisbrook Castle since the Restoration, having lain
several months in that country, has been secured, and is in custody
at Grimsby; he seems much dejected. He has been surveying
Lord Colepeper's estate in those parts, which does not exceed 300*l.*
a year.
- June 25. 3. Thos. Cupper to Warwick Yard, merchant of London. Report
Dartmouth. by George Sparke, of Dartmouth, of the state of Barbadoes. Ten
ships of war are gone thence to reduce St. Christopher's, Antigua,
and Montserrat, and 50 merchant ships were waiting at Barbadoes
the return of that fleet. The French squadron of 40 ships, which
has lately been cruising, has arrived at Brest; the ships of war
from Rochelle and Portugal are ordered to repair thither, and when
all come together, to set out on some design. [*1½ pages.*]
- June 25. 4. John Clarke to James Hickey. The French fleet of 26 men
Plymouth. of-war and four fire-ships is gone into Brest. Rear-admiral Kemp-
thorne and his frigates are still at Plymouth.
- June 25. 5. Aaron Slade, for Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The French
Plymouth. fleet that lay in the Channel and the 20 ships sent to Portugal are
ordered home, and will make 80 men-of-war and fire-ships. On
May 15, Sir John Harman was ready to depart from Madeira. Six
men-of-war come from Brest are ordered to cruise off the Channel

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June 25.
Newcastle.

6. Rich. Forster to Williamson. It is reported that Sir Jeremy Smith is coming to Newcastle; two great flyboats taken by the Kent, laden with timber, are brought into the harbour. The people, who are in some fear of the Hollanders, are much encouraged to hear of the Earl of Carlisle's coming. There would be danger if an enemy appeared without the presence of some person of honour like him or Lord Ogle.

June 25.
Whitehall.

7. [Lord Arlington to Dr. Wilford, vice-chancellor of Cambridge]. The King some time ago granted a letter mandatory for the first vacant fellowship in Christ's College to Charles, son of the late Lord Fanshaw, on account of the loyalty and sufferings of his family; but the place falling void during the absence of the young gentleman in the train of the ambassadors at Breda, the master and fellows have chosen another person. Is surprised the College should so far forget their duty; before complaining to His Majesty, gives notice thereof to him, before whom the appeal is to come as visitor of the College, that he may warn the Master and Fellows to rectify their error, and take in Mr. Fanshaw. If they continue obstinate, the appeal is to be suspended till the King's further pleasure is known. [*Draft.*]

June 25.
Margate.

8. Jo. Smith to Williamson. Near the road are six Holland men-of-war, one a vice-admiral, and a galliot boy. Others show themselves near the shore, and go away again.

June 25.
Edinburgh.

9. Robt. Mein to Williamson. Sir Jeremy Smith has gone to secure in the Humber his great East India ship, which has much gold and silver aboard, and 10 more prizes. Two more prizes are come up, and six others are in sight.

June 25.
Aldborough.

10. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Two small sails from the North-east have passed, and joined the Dutch fleet of nine great ships in the bar; they sent out a boat towards the lighthouse, but a force going down prevented mischief. There are three companies of foot and a troop of horse in Aldborough. Sir John Rous's company has gone for Southwold, and Sir Hen. Bacon's to Lowestoft. Thinks there will be some attempts these spring tides. There are great reports about the Papists; 50 of them are armed in a wood about Lowestoft; at Barker's, a papist about Framlingham, several cases of pistols, &c., have been found, and other provisions.

June 25.
Harwich.

11. Silas Taylor to Williamson. On the 22nd it was so hazy that the Dutch could scarcely be seen at anchor in the Medway. On the 23rd, Sir Jos. Jordan with four ships, sailed towards the Dutch, and so troubled them that they weighed anchor in a hurry, being 30 vessels, with two admirals and a vice-admiral. They sent out vessels, which were forced back to their fleet, and several guns were exchanged. Many of their fleet are discovered towards the Kentish Knock. On the 24th, Sir Joseph, with three ships and eight fireships, sailed out, but they were too far off to be reached; they anchored

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at Orfordness; one great ship is said to be aground on the Middle Grounds. The morning is hazy, but the Dutch fleet cannot be seen. Requests him to mark on the maps the Sledway, as between the Swish Swash and Cutler Rocks.

June [25 ?]
Rotterdam.

12. ——— to Edmund Custis. The arms of the high and mighty States have prevailed against the King of England, and the noble achievements of the immortal heroes are followed by great preparations of fire-ships and other martial necessities, to enable the States to give laws to that arrogant nation. Some fanatics think it is a blast before being put out, but the most sincere English and Scotch have held a public meeting to return thanks for the great overthrow of the enemy, and will keep a general thanksgiving day. It is thought the King will beg peace now on any terms, though some think he will be exasperated. Fools say a peace will be made between France and England, Holland invaded, the ditches pierced through, seaports destroyed, and the land ruined.

June 25.

13. Sir Wm. Bolton, Lord Mayor of London, to Williamson. Was present as Lord Mayor, with Sir Rich. Browne as president, at the choice of a doctor for Bethlehem, and due respect was paid to the King's letter; but Dr. Allen, who had made his way before, and is better known, had 25 hands, the other 8, and the rest at most 3. He is only chosen for a year, and is to be elected next year if he behave himself. Wants the King's letter at once. Is fully employed in His Majesty's affairs in the city. Endorsed Dr. Francklin.

June 25.
Dover.

14. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Rob. Hamon [Hammond] from Nieuport has landed in the Downs, and is detained in Dover Castle on suspicion of carrying over news of the condition of Chatham. What causes more suspicion is, that when the messenger sent for him came to Canterbury, he locked his chamber door, would not let the officer come in till forced, and denied his name. Eleven sail of the Dutch fleet have been seen off Calais, but all is quiet on the coasts, and the fortifications are proceeding. Some Hamburgers are come in, laden with Malaga, bound for London. Three fire-ships are in the harbour, and two more fitting up. Frenchmen land daily at Dover or the Downs, and there is no order to stop them.

June 25.
Whitehall.

15. Order in Council appointing the Duke of York and 12 others commissioners to receive the complaints of seamen and soldiers serving at sea, as to exactions practised upon them by the Officers of the Navy, in constraining them to spend part of their wages in recovering the rest. [*Printed.*]

June 25.
Whitehall.

16. Order in Council for a warrant permitting the unlading at Plymouth of a ship, partly freighted with French wines, a present from the Duke de Verneuil to the King, and partly freighted by Sir David English, on whose behalf John English has prayed for the said warrant.

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June 25. Letter to the Duke of York to order Sir Jeremiah Smith to deliver a Dutch prize lately taken, bound for the East Indies and brought into Leith, to James Tarbett and Capt. Hooper, appointed by the King to receive them, and any future prizes to those ordered to take charge of them. Minute. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 245.*]
- June 25. Warrant to the Lord General to order the companies of Lord Belasyse, Col. Gilhy, Sir Rob. Hildyard, and Sir Francis Cobb to be made up to 100 effective men, besides officers. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 169.*]
- June 25. Pass for the Earl of Desmond into Ireland, with 30 horses. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 491.*]
- June 25. 17. Certificate by Thos. Lewis that Thomas Cowley, purser of the Rupert, has cleared his victualling accounts for the Guernsey and Diamond frigates. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 25. 18. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. Thanks for their assistance in his petition to his Royal Highness, and for payment of George Strachan and his company's wages; will send the account attested, by the next post. Does not presume to advertise the news, since so many officers are apportioned there. Has been affronted, slighted, and turned off by all parties, and challenged by Capt. Bon before the judges for meddling with the galliot, and threatened to prison on his false accusation. Defies the world to prove it against him and beseeches consideration; has nothing left to put him in his grave, but the name of honest John Strachan, which blessed King Charles the First named him. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 25. 19. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. The ships are all furnished with pursers. Will provide for most of the persons they recommend for master gunners. Had he sooner received their desire for instructions about victualling the merchantmen, might have had the King and his Roynl Highness's resolution in it at the Council. Conceives six weeks' or two months' victuals a good proportion, considering that they are not designed for service at a distance. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 25. 20. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Comrs. Sends the names of four fire-ships arrived. Finds them very defective in men and stores; doubts not but they will see them fitted with all expedition. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 25. 21. Capt. Hen. Millett to the Navy Comrs. Recommends Edward Argill as master of his ship the Society. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 25. 22. Jno. Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Asks for a ship to convoy 757 cwt. of pitch to Portsmouth soon, or it will run into a lump, as it was at first in the prize. Has secured the rest, 70 cwt., in the stores. The Jolly of Nantes, dispatched for Youghal by Mons. Cobbett, the French King's agent at Rochelle, is brought in as prize, and has

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20 ballets of sail canvas in her. Sir Thos. Allin has just ordered the Mermaid frigate to convoy several ships eastwards, and with her goes the vessel with the pitch. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

22. I. *Account by Walter Moyle and Ph. Lanyon, of pitch delivered to John Lanyon by the Commissioners of Prizes.*

June 26.
Kingston-upon-
Hull.

23. Thos. Pointer to the Navy Comrs. Got the Little Victory into harbour, and is taking out her guns. The Swallow and Guernsey have arrived in the Humber with a prize. An Ostender reports that three Holland men-of-war, with some small vessels, lie about seven leagues off the Well. The garrison is in a very good equipage from what it was eight or ten days since, there being then hardly ten guns whose carriages and materials were serviceable. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 26.
Deptford.

24. Thos. Harper and J. Uthwat to Sam. Pepys. Send a demand from Sir Edw. Spragg. Have no orders for issuing distinction colours to any of the fleet; as to the carpenter's demands, it is not two months since the ship went from Deptford, completed for six months. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 26.
Weymouth.

25. Constance Pley to the Navy Comrs. Sends by her brother Reymes a sample of sailcloth which has arrived in her son's second ship from St. Malo. Has a quantity of both sorts, Vittory and Hall, and not a piece worse than the pattern, but much better. Could not get any Noyalls, but has English Foldavys ready to the value of 1,000*l.*, and the quantity can be daily increased. In the present state and uncertainty of affairs, the manufacturers will not sell without present pay. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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26. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. His Royal Highness has been told that the bottoms of the Royal James and London may be built upon, and if freed from their ballast and guns, would float so as to be brought into the Thames: they are to consider thereon, and report. His Majesty has resolved to call the Parliament. They are to hasten to the Commissioners of the Treasury the state of their expenses, payments, and debts, formerly demanded, and to have in readiness an account of the growing charge, and such other things as may justify their expense. It was concluded in Council that six weeks' victuals would be sufficient to put on board the merchant ships, and the Ordnance officers were ordered to consider what men are necessary to be maintained for the batteries at Woolwich, Gravesend, and Chatham. As there is an order approving of the taking up of the smacks, they are to let them fall down to Sir Edw. Spragg, with the fire-ships, as soon as ready. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

June 26.
Dover.

27. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The Castle dogger has sent into harbour a great fly-boat of 300 tons, laden with corn, hemp, &c., a Hollander outward bound. The Dutch are reported to have attempted mischief at Harwich, but finding it in better equipage

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than Chatham, tacked about, with the loss of many men and some ships. Wm. Stanley, a cornet of the King's life guard, brings the Flanders packet to Court.

June 26.
Deal.

28. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Two Eastland men, laden with deals, came into the Downs. When off the North Foreland, they were carried on board De Ruyter, who would not allow them to proceed to London, but to the Downs or Dover, where he said the fleet did not intend to come. This makes them the more expected. The chief magistrates of Sandwich keep to their old trade of disagreeing, and have left off fortifying themselves. All the Deal men and boys are gone to lay turf on the walls of Walmer Castle, as Deal and Sandown Castles have done already.

June 26.
Bristol.

29. Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. The Virginia fleet is said to be arrived in Ireland. If that and the West India fleet were to miscarry, the town would be almost ruined. The Marquis of Worcester has found the militia officers in excellent equipage; his volunteer regiment is nearly raised, and they are to muster at Cirencester on Thursday. His lordship's own company was raised in or near Bristol, of 100 as stout fellows as any in England, commanded by Rich. Dutton, who was governor of Chester Castle in Sir George Booth's business, and got conditions on surrender. There have been endeavours to obstruct the levies by insinuating strange things into the people, but no industry can trace it out. All the gentlemen of those parts have freely tendered their services to the Marquis, and he might have raised twice the number.

June 26.
Hall.

30. Col. Ant. Gilby to Williamson. The Guernsey has taken a caper; on the north of Scotland, one of the northern squadron has taken a rich Guinea ship, valued at 40,000*l*. Has not written lately, because Lord Belasyse said he would do so.

June 26.
Hall.

31. Charles Whittington to Williamson. An Ostender was ordered on board three Holland men-of-war off Cromer; but pretending to be for Norway, they let him pass. A Holland caper took a galliot hoy, but in a calm, the galliot took to her oars and got away. Lord Belasyse went over to Worlabay, and brought his lady back.

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32. Mich. Hamson to Viscount Conway. Capt. Roma is not likely to recover of the wound he received from his man. If he die, begs that the writer's son may be his lordship's quartermaster.

June 26.

Licence for Ann Bedwell to see her husband. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 491.*]

June 26.

Warrant for a licence to Sir James Dillon, Charles Gifford, and [Jas.] Standfast, for 14 years, of the sole making and sale of their newly-invented balls of earth and other ingredients as a sort of fuel, being a public convenience in this conjuncture, when other kinds of fuel are dear and becoming more scarce. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 492.*]

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[June 26.] Grant of the licence as ordered by the above warrant. [*Case C, Chas. II., No. 5.*]
- June 26. Warrant for creating Fns. Topp, of Tormarton, co. Gloucester, a baronet. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 493.*]
- June 26. Confirmation to Sir William Dury, Bart., of the rectory and parish church of St. Lucie of Charlton, co. Kent. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 493.*]
- June 26. Warrant to the Attorney General to prepare a surrender by Sir George Carteret, of the office of treasurer of the Navy, and a grant of the said office to Arthur Earl of Anglesey; fee 100*l.* a year, and 3*d.* on every pound sterling received or paid. [*Ent. Book 25, pp. 20-21.*]
- Whitehall.
- June 26. Proclamation for reassembling on 25th July next the Parliament, which was prorogued till 10 October, but the invasion of the kingdom during a treaty of peace, and other urgent causes require its meeting earlier. [*Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 244.*]
- Whitehall.
- June 26. 33. Warrant from Lord Arlington to the Keeper of Ipswich gaol, to deliver [Chris.] Pooley, prisoner in his custody, to be disposed of according to further warrant.
- Whitehall.
- June 26. 34. Like warrant to [a messenger] to receive and bring Pooley before Lord Arlington, Principal Secretary of State.
- Whitehall.
- June 26. 35. Sir Wm. Coventry to Williamson. Sends a letter from the commander of the Hampshire, forwarded by the mayor of Newcastle, to be published in the news, if thought fitting.
- June 26. 36. James Hickes to Williamson. The first letters come to hand are expresses from beyond Ipswich to the Duke of Albemarle.
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- June 26. 37. Warham Jemmet, sen., to Sir Phil. Frowde. The enclosed certifies the time of the mails leaving Nieuport and Dover. *Encloses,*
37. I. *Theophilus Wimple to Sir Philip [Frowde]. On the 24th, was commanded on board a Holland man-of-war in Nieuport Road; the commander sent the mail ashore with his boat: was sent with it and ordered on shore by the Governor of Nieuport, who dismissed him on Monday, 12 p.m.; landed at Dover, Wednesday, 6 a.m.*
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- June 26. 38. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Major Wyndham's troop has left Yarmouth. for the Isle of Ely. The coast is so infested with pickeroons, that they cannot stir out for a dish of fish, but the boats are plundered and the men stripped. Wants an old galliot prize which is worth little, to keep them off the coast; will fit her up, and return her when required, better than he finds her, if she is not taken.
- Yarmouth.
- June 26. 39. Col. John Strode to Sir Wm. Coventry. Has sent Mr. Hammond to Lord [Arlington]. He told the master of passage, when he
- Dover Castle.

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went over, that he had a pass, but that his man ran away with it. The alarm of the Dutch fleet's going up the river caused Capt. Armstrong to march for Rochester. A French man-of-war from Holland intends to go through the Channel to join M. Beaufort. All the militia horse brought down for defence of the sea castles are removed for Rochester.

June 26. 40. Earl of Mulgrave to Williamson. Wants the commission for his cornet, Mr. Stukeley.

June 26. 41. Sir Wm. Hickman to Williamson. Thanks for the weekly accounts. Is entered again into Mars' tents, though sorry for the occasion. The country was in hopes of peace, but if that cannot be, must defend itself in war. Will soon march into the North. The muster is appointed for to-morrow, but hears of no commissary; only 35 are ordered to be mustered, which much discourages those who have furnished themselves and cannot be admitted. [*1½ pages.*]

June 26. 42. Ben. Francis to Williamson. Two prizes have come in, taken from the Hollanders on the coast of Norway, and six more taken by Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron; two of them of 500 tons, laden with timber, are in Tynemouth haven. A Sunderland seaman, come from Montrose in Scotland, reports that three or four prizes are brought in there daily, and the harbour so full that it cannot contain them.

June 26. 43. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. The report of the Virginian fleet being off Scilly is not true. The lord lieutenant and deputy lieutenants have met at Plymouth, and ordered the militia into several seaports. Sir John Arundel's troop of horse quarters about Helstone, and Sir Jonathan Trelawney's about Fowey. Sir Arthur Bassett and Lord Arundel have beaten drums for volunteers in several towns. The deputy lieutenants are to meet at Fowey, to consult about putting the county in a better posture of defence.

June 26. 44. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect. Also Falmouth. begging news, as the ears of people in the county are filled with various reports.

June 26. 45. Wm. Leving to Lord Arlington. Would have waited on him if at liberty. The intelligencer's interest is so considerable that he can discover what can be desired. Has been much prosecuted, and believes there is a further design in it; begs money. Will be a prisoner till he comes to trial, but malice accuses him of more than he is guilty of.

June 26. 46. Rich. Langley to Williamson. Is put to daily expense in Margate. sending Sir Thomas Toddeman's letters to Deal; asks whether he is obliged to do it. Seven Hollanders are near the Foreland; one of their boats came ashore with a white flag, and delivered a declaration from De Witt; 50 sail of them have been seen going up to the Buoy of the Nore.

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June 26. 47. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. Several vessels from Ireland and elsewhere report that they met no enemy at sea.
Fembroke.
- [June 26.] 48. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.
- June 26. 49. Sir Phil. Musgrave to Williamson. Thanks for his favour in reference to the honour done him by the King, in ordering him a commission to raise a troop of horse. Consents that Williamson's brother shall have his colours.
- June 26. 50. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Wivenhoe trawlers have discovered a very large fleet standing towards the Buoy of the Nore; an express was dispatched to Court; the galliot boy, which has been cruising, only speaks of 12 or 14 sail of Dutch. Sir Jos. Jordan can see nothing of the ship reported to be on ground. Must believe the report of the fleet to be true, and that the French fleet is joined with them.
9 P.M.
Harwich.
- June 27. 51. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Cannot believe the Wivenhoe report of 160 or 180 sail, when the galliot boy only saw 14 or 15 ships, three of which were admirals. Thinks the Dutch are about the Middle Grounds and Gunfleet, having heard many guns fired to celebrate conjunction with a ship, after which they sailed towards the Thames.
Harwich.
- June 27. 52. Rich. Browne to Williamson. A galliot from the north-east came in to the Dutch fleet, and they all sailed southwards. Many guns have been heard, but no sails seen, as it is very hazy.
4 A.M.
Aldborough.
- June 27. 53. Sir Phil. Frowde to Williamson. Asks what is true about the encounter at Breda, for Ghent news is not always to be believed.
- June 27. 54. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. Sir Rob. Holmes has sailed with the ships that were at Portsmouth.
Portsmouth.
- June 27. 55. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Sir Rob. Holmes is gone with seven vessels to cruise. Lord Gerard is active to have the fortifications perfected.
Portsmouth.
- June 27. 56. John Man to Williamson. Hears no more of the French fleet, which alarmed those parts by a false report of their being between Milford and Land's End.
Swansea.
- June 27. 57. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Lord Arundel has arrived at Pendennis; Sir Arthur Bassett's drums are beating for volunteers to complete his regiment. The militia have met twice; hopes there will be no further need for them this summer.
Truro.
- June 27. 58. Thos. Hodgkin to Williamson. Thanks for his kindness. Would like the excise farm added to the farm he has, as the same charge would manage both.
Breccon.
- June 27. 59. Jo. Cook to Williamson. Sec. Morice sends the form of a letter for the Lord Lieutenants. Asks how many will be respectively done by [Lord Arlington's] clerks, and by the clerk of the Council. Begs favour therein, having few hands and much business.

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June 27. 60. Charles Earl of Ancram to Williamson. Begs a pass for Ant.
Full Mall. Stuart, his servant, whom he is sending into Flanders.
- June 27. 61. Certificate by Ed. Scott that Timothy Cronin deported himself
well as ensign under the late Lord Muskerry, in Flanders.
- June 27. Letter to the Earl of Craven, to transport himself to Gravesend,
in the form of that to the Prince [Rupert; 20 June]. Minute.
[*Ent. Book 17, p. 248.*]
- June 27. Warrant to [a messenger] to apprehend Christopher Mansell.
Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 493.*]
- June? 62. Petition of Christopher Mansell, prisoner in the messenger's
hands, to Lord Arlington, for release in compassion to his de-
pendant family. Did not intend any prejudice by the unfitting
expressions in his news letter, but is sensible of his error.
- June 27. Dormant post warrant to George Crevet, employed about prizes
brought into the northern ports, to be furnished with as many post
horses as he requires. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 493.*]
- June 27. Note of four blank post warrants delivered to Sir John Bennet.
[*Ent. Book 23, p. 493.*]
- June 27. Warrant to James Beck, serjeant-at-arms, to take into custody
Whitehall. George Duke of Buckingham, and to convey him to the Tower.
[*Ent. Book 23, f. 5 b.*]
- June 27. Warrant to Sir John Robinson, Bart., Lieutenant of the Tower,
to receive into his custody George Duke of Buckingham, on sus-
picion of treasonable and seditious practices, and keep him safe
till delivered by due course of law, or till the King declares his
further pleasure concerning him. [*Ent. Book 23, f. 5 b.*]
- June 27. 63. Certificate by Zachariah Jennings and six other inhabitants of
Westminster, that John Geere, purser of the Guinea, fell sick on 5th
May last, and continued so until 3rd June following. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 27. 64. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Is sensible how ne-
cessary money is for carrying on the present service. Heard the
Vice-Chamberlain [Sir George Carteret] assure his Royal Highness
that 100*l* was ready at Woolwich to be disbursed; if it be not so,
they must send the writer word. Saw a letter from Sir Wm. Rider
at Gravesend, demanding necessaries, but as he makes no mention
of money, hopes the 300*l*. he had is not expended. Shall do what he
can that money may not be wanted at Woolwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 27. 65. Capts. Jas. Sharland and Rob. Hooper to the Navy Comrs.
The Mary and Ask for some pay, not having received any since last in Chester
the Harp. Dublin. Water, more than four years ago. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclose,*
65. 1. *Petition of the Officers and Seamen of the Harp frigate
and the Mary yacht to the Navy Comrs., for pay, that
their families may not be starved in the streets, and
themselves go like heathen, having nothing to cover their
nakedness. Have 52 months' pay due, and neither money
nor credit.*

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June 27. 66. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Orders are daily coming
Dover. from Sir Thos. Teddeman for stores, but nobody will deliver anything without ready money, or the writer's particular engagement to pay at a fixed day. Has passed his credit for the fireworks and stores, and now has orders for abundance of other things, which the town will not yield, but which might be had in three days from the Ordnance Comrs. The fire-ships are almost fitted; has done his utmost therein, but cannot manage the affairs there. Asks for the speedy payment of arrears, and the appointment of an able man to manage his employment, lest the service should suffer by his great pain and weakness. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 28. 67. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Account of the
Kinsale. issue of stores, &c. to ships named, and of their proceedings. The master shipwright wants a supply of money, as the merchants with whom he deals raise their rates upon him. Mr. Penn is hindered from perfecting his accounts by the neglect of persons concerned in the musters, especially on board the *Anne*, which has had from 80 to 100 men run since her arrival. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annezing,*
67. 1. *Warrant from Lord Orrery, President of Munster, to Ensign Wm. Penn, for the delivery of masts out of store to Col. Heyward St. Leger to lay a boom across the river for preventing any attempt of the enemy to destroy the ships riding in Kinsale harbour.*
Kinsale, June 27, 1667.
- June 28. 68. Capt. Thos. Stollard to the Navy Comrs. Has been ready to
The Milkmaid, sail to Kilmar or Limerick 13 days, but was prevented by weather.
Kinsale. Waited seven days to go with the *Anne* and two others bound for the westward. There is nothing to secure them, so that any shallop may come in and destroy them. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 28. 69. Capt. John Hesilgrave to the Navy Comrs. Is sorry he
[4 A.M., cannot serve his Majesty in two places. The *Lewes* was fit to serve
Tilbury as a ship of war ten days since, before he and his men went to
Blockhouse, Chatham, having all her sails bent, and her stores and pilot aboard. Knows nothing about her sails and furniture being taken from her, as they say, through his (the writer's) conspiring with Capt. Middleton. Shall be glad if she is serviceable in the present necessity; his interest in her is only one-fourth, the rest being Messrs. Lewes, Dashwood, and Wm. Roberts's. What contract their Honors make with others they must be content with. Has no leisure to wait on them, the enemy being within two shots of the fort. Last night, made several shots at them with two brass guns that are now well mounted. If he were to leave the fort, his seamen and gunners would follow to London. Forty-five Dutch are now in sight. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- June 28. The King to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London. Requires them to revoke their choice of Denis Gauden, surveyor genera]

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of marine victuals, as sheriff, the necessary care and attendance on his office disabling him from the duties of that place. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 248.*]

[June 28.] 70. Draft of the preceding.

June † 71. Petition of Sir Thos. Pettus, Bart., to the King, for pardon from any judgment, should he be found guilty of manslaughter. Struck with a stick Thos. Baxter, who was robbing and spoiling his woods, and he died, so that by the strictness of law, his estate might be ruined. *Annexing,*

71. *L. Forns of the required warrant for the pardon of Sir Thos. Pettus for striking Thos. Baxter a wound on 18th April 1667, of which he died on the 21st, with restitution of all goods forfeited thereby.*

June 28. The King to the Justices of Assize for Norfolk. They are to forbear execution of the sentence of burning in the hand, or any other against Sir Thomas Pettus of Rackbeath, Norfolk, if he be found guilty of the murder of Thomas Baxter, until further pleasure, and to release him on security to sue out his pardon. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 249.*]

June [28]. 72. The King [to the Lord Lieuts. of Counties]. The insolent spirit of the enemies having led to an invasion of the kingdom, the best means of defence is the speedy raising of a considerable army, which requires good sums of money. Requests them to assist the country in this exigency, by disposing all loyal subjects in their lieutenantancies to make a voluntary liberal allowance by way of loan, to be repaid from the 11 months' assessment. Hopes speedy and cheerful compliance in so important a juncture of affairs. [*1½ pages.*]

June 28. Entry of the above. With list of 13 Lord Lieutenants or deputy lieutenants, to whom these letters were sent by [Lord Arlington's clerks]. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 170.*]

June 28. 73. Duke of Buckingham to the King. Though afraid of His Majesty's anger, yet trusts his kindness, and will no longer consider himself, but come and throw himself at the feet of His Majesty, who thinks his honour concerned in his surrender, to be disposed of as he thinks fit. [*Holograph, 2 pages.*]

June † 74. Note that Henry Brendriff, of Finsbury Fields, was agent from the Duke of Buckingham.

June † 75. Joseph Strangways to Lord [Arlington]. Was committed to King's Bench, 9 May. Mr. Bedwell, a prisoner there, told him that a certain man went for a pain in his head to consult a doctor, who told him there would be 15 more fires in London after the great fire, but one especially near Whitehall, which would endanger the Palace; the informer prefixed a day when that fire should be, and came to London and lay in the Haymarket till he saw the Guards on fire, and then went away. He says that next June the rest of

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1667. the city will be burned, and as great a battle fought in the ruins as ever was in England. This was told also to Wm. Bayley, milliner in Turnstile Alley, and his wife; the discoverer was Major Birkhead.
- [June.] 76. Similar letter, adding that Bedwell and Birkhead have both spoken treason.
- June 28. 77. Notes to similar effect with the preceding.
- June 28. 78. Examination of Will. Bayley, milliner, and his wife, before Lord Arlington. Went to see Mr. Strangways in the King's Bench. A person with him, whom they do not know, said that the burning of the city was foretold, and also that a fire would happen in the suburbs, and there would be bloodshed in the streets. Charles Bennet, a doctor in Holborn, was in their company; he also spoke of a French prophecy made 15 years since.
- June 28. 79. Thos. Warren to Lord Arlington. Tho King twice promised to speak to his lordship to grant the writer a privy seal for the ship Crown Malaga with her guns, &c., on fair appraisal by the Navy Comrs. Begs him to obtain it.
- June 1 80. Note that Thos. Warren's ship is the Crown Malaga, under Capt. Bradford, now in Portsmouth.
- June 28. 81. M. Scott to Williamson. Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron has passed southward, and the four companies of Guards are marched from Berwick to Tynemouth Castle and Shields, to secure the great fleet of colliers in the Tyne. The Mayor of Newcastle's privateer took a small Dutch vessel laden with deals, and sent the long boat ashore with some of the men, which frightened the country.
- June 28. 82. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Sir Jacob Ashley and his troop have left Yarmouth. Two sloops are at the back of the sands.
- June 28. 83. Joh. Smith to Williamson. The Dutch have left and gone Margate. into the Thames. Thinks they had no order to land any great forces, but only to lie on the coast, and hinder trading to London, and to keep our fleet that is abroad from meeting; for when the wind is easterly, they lie in the river, knowing that ships cannot well come from north and south; and when it is westerly, they lie on the sand between Harwich and the North Foreland, to discover the fleet in case it come.
- June 28. 84. Ri. Watts to Williamson. De Ruyter sent a boat with a Deal. white flag to Broadstairs, desiring provisions and water, and promising to pay well. Yesterday four men went on board the Dutch fleet, and on their return, Lieut-Col. Rook sent them to prison. All grumble for want of coals, which are now twice as dear as wood. Is grieved to hear how violently men speak. All would yet be well, if the seamen were paid and encouraged. The watch is hard duty; above 40 in a night.

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June 28. 85. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. The militia is still in arms,
Lynn. but no enemy heard of on the coasts, and all minds well composed.
- June 28. 86. John Clarke to James Hicke. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne
Plymouth. has sailed thence with his squadron; also Sir Rob. Holmes, who
put into Plymouth. Only two frigates are now in harbour.
- June 28. 87. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.
- June 28. 88. James Hicke to [Williamson]. Cannot stir, because Sir
London. John [Bennet] was there till 2 a.m., and is returning. Expects little
compassion, notwithstanding all his service and diligence, if Wil-
liamson do not stand firm to him.
- June 28. 89. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The Earl of Carlisle came to
Newcastle. Newcastle. spent some time with the mayor and aldermen, and went
by water to Shields, attended by the mayor and others. Lord Wid-
drington's volunteer troop of 100 or 120 horse has come in, most of
them the best gentry in the country; they are to be dismissed, but
he will raise another. An alarm of 200 Dutch landed proves false.
Yesterday the Earls of Ogle and Carlisle and Lord Widdrington
came, but will return to secure Shields Haven; their coming has
much encouraged the people. Sir Jeremy Smith has passed with
part of his ships and the great prize. The Earl of Ogle's volunteers
will soon be completed; gallant stout fellows, most of them soldiers
before.
- June 28. 90. Thos. Waade to Williamson. A galliot has been taken by
Whitby. two of our frigates cruising on the coast. A troop of militia horse,
commanded by Sir Metcalfe Robinson, has come to Whitby; three
small guns are planted, and other preparations made to resist
the enemy.
- June 29. 91. Fras. Malory to Williamson. The volunteer troop of 100
Pembroke. horse, under Sir Erasmus Phillipps, is meeting; also the county
troop, in which several gentlemen came to serve as volunteers. The
magistrates of the town caused a meeting of all able fighting men
in the town and liberties, and ordered them to provide black bills or
other arms, according to their abilities.
- June 29. 92. Fras. Malory to James Hicke. To the same effect.
- June 29. 93. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord Arlington. Sends a letter to
Lord Brouncker, to go with or follow the express to Lord
Middleton.
- June 29. 94. Archbishop of Glasgow to Williamson. Will not complain,
Edinburgh. lest it may seem like reflecting on those that are not to be touched,
but thinks they are on the losing rather than gaining hand. The
country is not put in a state of defence; the blame is shifted from
one to another. The country complains much of the soldiers, and
the soldiers have cause to complain of them. Many royalists are
alarmed at the late change of officers, as likely to usher in other
interests; wishes it had taken place at a more reasonable time.

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The ordained ministers have been attacked at night, plundered, beaten, and one murdered by the rebels who lurk in Galloway; the Council is providing for their defence. Is obliged to bury his own fears. Begs to have the weekly intelligence, so as to contradict the discouraging news spread abroad by the ordinary newsmongers.

June 29.
Newcastle.

95. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The worthy noblemen have put the town in good condition against any enemy's attempt. Lords Ogle and Carlisle have gone to Tynemouth. Ships are ready to be sunk if needful, and others to receive fire-ships that make any sudden attempt. The masters of the Trinity House are ready to give advice. Volunteers come so fast that there are more than will fill up the companies. Lords Ogle and Widdrington's troops are to muster on Monday. The Flying Greyhound has sent in a prize of 300 tons, taken going for Norway.

June 29.
Cockpit.

96. Math. Lock to Williamson. Is obliged to trouble his servants with the Lord General's letters, as the post letters leave the post-house, Westminster, before his despatches can be finished. Wishes that to the Marquis of Worcester to be delivered to Col. Progers, who has a command in his Lordship's regiment, and is going to him.

June 29.
Bridlington.

97. John Bower to James Hickes. The Holland fleet is daily expected on the coast, and many of their small privateers are in sight, but there is no purchase for them. Sir Jeremiah Smith is on his way from Scotland to Hull, with his rich prize and four or five more.

June 29.
Aldborough.

98. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Gave notice of the Dutch fleet to a Swede vessel that came in, and she went to Harwich. Twenty-five or twenty-six Dutch men-of-war are at anchor off the Gunfleet, left to block Harwich, while the rest of the fleet go on some design, probably up the river as high as the Hope; they should be well looked to there.

June 29.
Gravesend.

99. Sir Jo. Griffith to Lord [Arlington]. The Duke of York promised that money should be sent to pay the workmen; has provided for them to prevent disorder, and will provide 200*l.* for tomorrow, but hopes money will be sent by Monday. Has forwarded the letter to Capt. Shaw.

June 29.
Chatham.

100. [John Conny] to Williamson. Yesterday the Dutch hovered about the Nore, and sent two or three vessels within the Ness, which it is supposed they intend to fortify. Should they do so and send 100 men to each of the two ferries, as there are 16,000 or 17,000 head of cattle on the island, not 100,000 men could recover it, they would thus master both rivers at once, which would prove very disadvantageous. All their ships are now afloat, except the Vanguard.

June 29.
Harwich.

101. Jo. Quin to Williamson. The fire-ships are fitting, 18 being nearly ready, and the place fortifying with batteries. One is newly added on the beacon hill, to gall ships coming in, if the cannon on the fort should make them endeavour to enter on that

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side. Sir Jos. Jordan, with his fire-ships, is very forward to attempt the enemy, but the winds prevent. They have secured the back door by a squadron of 8 ships at anchor in the Gunfleet, beside those plying in the river between them and their main fleet. Sir Wm. Ayloff's company being harassed with lying on the ground without the town, the Lord Lieutenant has drawn in his own militia regiment to relieve it, saving one company, which mutinied at Chatham, and refused to march; the deputy lieutenants have disposed of it at Tilbury Fort, where men were wanting. The Council's letter of the 21st to the Lord Lieutenant will not take much effect, as appears from the reply sent by the deputy lieutenants from Chelmsford. It will be impossible to keep the militia together; unless there be a provision for their maintenance. A Norway vessel reports that, beside the 12 ships which the enemy has despatched after Sir Jeremy Smith, Van Ghent is following with 22 sail, steering N.N.W. At request of the town of Wivenhoe, my Lord has ordered a company of foot to Mersey Island. [2 pages.]

June 29.
Harwich.

102. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Yesterday eight or ten of the biggest Dutch ships were cruising about the Sledway and Gunfleet, but are now out of sight. It is reported that there is an undoubted peace with the Dutch. Is sorry not to receive his intelligence, as so many depend on it to know the motions of the Dutch about the river; 30 sail are said to be as high as the Hope. A Danish ship met 22 Dutch vessels designed to look for Sir Jeremiah Smith.

June 29.
Noon.

103. Silas Taylor to [Williamson]. The Dutch fleet, or part of it, has just begun to open upon the Naze, coming down. Those met with by the Dane were mostly small ships.

June 29.
Weymouth.

104. J. Haysham, jun., to James Hickes. A Hamburger from Madeira has brought letters from Sir John Harman's squadron of seven ships, which have sailed for the Western islands. The French have plundered Antigua and other small islands, but left no men there. The Hamburger was plundered by a Flushing off Land's End.

June 29.
York.

105. Jo. Mascall to Williamson. Two frigates cruising have taken a privateer near Whitby. Sir Met. Robinson was there with his trained band, and making preparations to defend the place.

June 29.
Bridgewater.

106. W. Symons to James Hickes. The regiment of the sheriff, Col. George Stawell, has been viewed and mustered by the deputy lieutenants, but is now dismissed till further orders.

June 29.
Keynsham.

107. Thos. Bridges to Williamson. Finds the country well disposed for the King's service. The militia have been mustered, and appeared cheerfully, without excuses or supplies; the horse were 15 days on duty. The country understands their interest to be the same as the King's, and will so continue, unless the Nonconformist ministers poison them; but on the Dutch landing, a great conventicle was held in Keynsham, with open doors, at the house of one Bagnall, a seditious fellow, whose father was active in raising the first war. Asks advice, as it is a scandal to the country.

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June 29. 108. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. No privateer has been
Hall. brought in so large as reported in his paper. The Swallow has
taken a prize off Scarborough. Notices of other vessels.
- June 29. 109. Examination of Rob. Hammond before Lord Arlington,
Mr. Comptroller, and Sir W. Coventry. Went over two months
ago, desiring to have a company of foot in the Spanish army in
Flanders, but did not say he had a pass. Stayed there a month.
Sir Wm. Temple told him the business must be done in London,
through the Spanish ambassador. Came over about it, intending
to sell his horses and return. Was never asked for a pass at
Dover; stood out when apprehended, but offered to surrender to
a justice of peace. Went from his house at Chertsey to Flanders,
and intended, after selling his horses, to return to Flanders and
trail a pike under Lord Castlehaven, whom he saw at Bruges.
Col. Strode wished him to bring a letter to Sir Wm. Coventry;
consented to that, but would not give security for so doing. Has
no acquaintance in Holland. Thought that the persons sent to seize
him might be bailiffs securing him under notion of debt, as they
had no pistols nor carbines. [*1½ pages.*]
- June 29. Commission to Louis [de Duras] Marquis of Blanquefort to be
Captain and Colonel of the Duke of York's troop of Guards. [*Ent.
Book 20, p. 169.*]
- June 29. Commission to Rob. Worden to be Lieutenant and Major in the
same troop. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 170.*]
- June 29. Warrant for Joan Prestwood to see her brother John Mason,
prisoner in the Tower. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 494.*]
- June 29. Order for a warrant for the sale of the ship Crown Malaga, a
Dutch prize lately used by the Navy Comrs., to Thomas Warren,
merchant of London. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 494.*]
- June 29. Warrant for a privy seal for discharging the King's eight phy-
sicians and four surgeons in ordinary of the royal household as
named, from payment of the four subsidies granted in the late
Parliament. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 495.*]
- June 29. 110. Warrant to Sir Edw. Walker, Garter king-at-arms, to au-
Whitehall. thorize Henry, Frances, and Anne Lumley, and Eliz. Lumley, now
married to Rich. Cotton, the children of the late John Lumley, son
and heir to Rich. Viscount Lumley, to take precedence as children
of a viscount, as if their father had lived to succeed to the title.
Annezing,
110. 1. *Note of alteration in the Christian names, as desired by
the Lord Chamberlain.*
- June 29. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 495-6.*]
- June 29. 111. Draft of the above.

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June 29. Warrant to John Bradley to seize — Agnana, a Frenchman. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 496.*]

June 29. Privy seal for 1,020*l.*, payable to John Barker, for so much furnished to the Earl of St. Alban's, for the King's service in France. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 497.*]

June 29.
Landguard
Fort.

112. Capt. Nath. Darell to Lord Arlington. Begs justice against the malignity of Sir Sam. Barnardiston, who has accused him to King and Council as a Papist, and says the soldiers and seamen at the fort are at such variance that it would be carried, were an enemy to attack it. Assures his lordship that they agree well, as will be attested by Sir Edmund Bacon and Sir Charles Gaud, deputy lieutenants, sent by Lord Suffolk to examine into the reports. Sir Samuel has not been to the fort to observe the disunion which he reports. Begs favour, that his wronged innocence may have public reparation. [3 pages.] *Encloses,*

112. 1. *Certificate by the bailiffs, recorder, two ministers, and eight other residents of Ipswich, that Capt. Nath. Darell, when quartered in the town with his company last year, attended church, kept the fasts, was charitable to the poor, and not at all suspected of Popery; also that the soldiers and seamen at the fort are well satisfied under his command, and that he justly pays all his company's quarters, &c.* [Copy.] June 28, 1667.

June 29.
London.

113. Jas. Thruston to Viscount Conway, Ragley. Money matters. On the first attempt of the Dutch at Chatham, there was such astonishment that every one went to his goldsmith to recall his moneys, but they were all sent back empty handed, and the King was forced to issue a declaration, to save the goldsmiths from persecution; people's hearts are better settled, though still in the same uncertainty. The common people in Holland are so satisfied, since the late never to be forgotten disgrace, that they only talk of peace on such terms as we are not yet so low as to submit to, though scarcely knowing how to help it. The calling of a Parliament testifies the extremity. The King has, taken off some of the difficulties insisted on last Parliament, viz., the government of Windsor from Lord Mordaunt; the commission of Sir George Carteret removed to Lord Anglesey, some say; the Canary Company's charter called in. The Duke of Buckingham surrendered himself to the Tower yesterday, excusing his delay by saying that the proclamation limited no time, but he is out, and to be received at Council to-day; and some say Lord Bristol also. It is said the wish of Parliament will be complied with about Church government; for supplies, an inland excise will be laid on all that is used for back or belly, as done in Holland, which will soon raise a large sum, both for defence and offence, of neither of which are we capable for the present; the more the pity. The Dutch fleet of 120 sail still roves between the Gunfleet and the Downs, and two days ago, came into the river, within five miles of Gravesend, which gave a fright, Woolwich and Chatham being unprovided. If they had had the

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courage to come on shore when they got into Chatham, they might have spoiled all that was in the river, up to the Tower. It was a great providence that this negligent security did not cause greater prejudice. Sir Edw. Spragg, vice-admiral, now defends Woolwich. Inner works have to be made, which never happened before to England, being benumbed with lethargy and wilfully blind, whilst the enemy was watchful and provident. Hopes better things now. The court of aldermen has undertaken building a fort at Sheerness. Cannot get cash for him if demanded, but thinks his money is safe. Private affairs. The French make progress in Flanders, which will disadvantage us in time. [2 pages.]

June 29. 114. Humphrey Pibus to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the
Newcastle. Norway masts in the Scotch prize. Sir Alexander Keith, the owner, will not abate anything off 20*l*. per mast, the money to be paid on delivery. The Hampshire has brought in the Hope, a Dutch prize with 90 masts, which may serve the Navy. The ship is taken on by the Earl of Carlisle, to secure the harbour against the Dutch. The Flying Hound has sent in a prize going for Norway in ballast. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 29. 115. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Virtualling of the Malaga
Portsmouth. Merchant fire-ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 29. 116. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The Paradox has come in
Dover. to be tallowed, &c. Thanks for his dismissal, not being able to go out of doors. Will send the quarter's account as soon as he can. Desired Sir Thos. Teddeman to appoint a person in his stead. Took as much interest in the business as in his meat and drink, when able to manage it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 29. 117. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. The King has
ordered 2,500*l*. to be paid to the Vice-Chamberlain [Sir G. Carteret] to man fire-ships. Their commanders must be directed to send a list of such able seamen as will not desert, and care shall be taken for paying their tickets, the method of which he leaves to their discretion. The Monmouth and Princess, not being paid, still bear their complement of men, though few attend. As there is a great want of seamen, suggests, as a good expedient for getting them down, to give notice that, unless they repair on board, they would be reported run away. The commissioners may have some reason, which he does not see, for not so doing, especially when all attempts amongst the seamen are so ticklish. His Majesty would have the fire-ships' men hastened. As the ship was lost, and the manner questioned by some, the suspending payment of Capt. Hill, and others with him, will not be amiss, as there is occasion for money of greater import. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 30. 118. Sam. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Sends the virtualling account
Plymouth. for this month. Has little assurance of any further baking or brewing there without a supply of money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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June 30. 119. Robert Julian, secretary to Sir Edw. Spragg, to Sam. Pepys.
The Diamond. Will send a list of men belonging to the fire-ships to-morrow. Has taken an account of 14 fire-ships' men, and hopes to have the rest to-night. Most of them have no tickets due, and some pretend they have not got their tickets out of the ships they served in. Sir Edw. Spragg went down to Gravesend with the Prince this morning, and is expected every hour. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June 30. 120. Certificate by Col. John Strode that he has taken from the
Dover Castle. St. John of Hamburg, and detained for the King's use at this juncture, 100 barrels of powder and 100 bundles of match, pretended to belong to the King of Portugal.

June 30. 121. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. A vessel bound from Bilbao
Portsmouth. to London has come into Portsmouth, hearing of the enemy's being in the river; he met 10 merchantmen from France, sailing westward. Sir Phil. Honeywood, having received the captaincy of a company of trained bands to be raised in Portsea Island, wants commissions for Wm. Beard and Rich. Gravet, as lieutenant and ensign.

June 30. 122. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Five ships have gone out
Portsmouth. under Sir Rob. Holmes, and three fire-ships to join the westward squadron. The deputy lieutenants and many other gentlemen have come in to consult with Lord Gerard, who is so perfecting the fortifications that the place will be invincible when finished.

June 30. 123. James Hickes to Williamson. Writes on account of some
London. rules offered by Sir John Bennet for the post office; viz. that the officers are no longer to send letters or news-books post free, as they can thus convey what letters they please. Told him that they sent single letters free, but that the enclosures were generally on office business, and thus sent for quicker delivery. Refused to pay for his own letters or news books, and said he would rather withdraw and live on salt and water. Told Sir John that the governors had rather blamed the clerks for not corresponding more with the postmasters to keep things right, as by so doing a correspondence had been settled into all parts of the kingdom. Excused the officers from not attending Sir John. Sir Phil. Frowde left the office so abruptly that he did not give Sir John full possession of house, offices, and officers. Told him there was not a man in the office who did not deserve continuance and encouragement, instead of reduction of salary, and that such severity would ruin the office. He said he could have 40 officers that wanted employment. Told him that blades with swords at their sides, and velvet jackets, would not do the business, as some had proved very rogues and cheats, and were rooted out. Asks that his own condition may be represented to Lord Arlington, and that he may know what will become of him. Told Sir John that any change would violate the settlement with the postmasters, who were to continue six months on the same terms as before; men will not work day and night for those that screw them so close. Sir John said that as his lordship had to pay a greater rent than before, other things must be improved. Begs his own and his son's settlement in the office. [3 pages.]

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June? 124. List of persons to whom a correspondent [Jas. Hickes?] has to write long or short letters on each day of the week.
- June 30.
Pendeennis. 125. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Six great ships and one or two ketches, supposed to be the King's ships, passed westward. No enemies are seen, except a Dutch caper or two, who have civilly bought fish of the poor fishermen. The dejected country has been much encouraged by the Lord Lieutenant and Deputy Lieutenants, who have put it in a good posture of defence.
- June 30.
Plymouth. 126. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The Sorlings saw off Scilly two great French men-of-war, and took one of three small ships, being of St. Malo, with a commission from the Duke of Beaufort to go to Newfoundland and Gibraltar, and to take any of the King's enemies. Hopes Lord Arlington and Sir Thos. Clifford will remember their promise.
- June 30.
Falmouth. 127. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Six frigates, supposed to be those from Plymouth, have been seen. Sir John Arundel's troop met at Helstone. There is talk of speedy peace with France.
- June 30.
Whitby. 128. Thos. Waade to Williamson. There have seven ships passed, supposed to be four of Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron, and their three prizes. A troop of horse, commanded by Sir Metcalfe Robinson, is in Whitby, to secure those parts.
- June 40.
7 P.M.
Chatham. 129. John Conny to Williamson. The enemy, instead of continuing at Sheerness, as was feared, are standing out of the river, and most of them out of sight. The Vanguard still continues sunk, but is not given up for lost.
- June 30.
10 P.M.
Harwich. 130. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Some Dutch ships appearing, Sir Jos. Jordan sailed out with some vessels and fire-ships, but returned to Landguard Fort, the tide being too far spent; 70 sail are now anchoring off the Gunfleet, and a clerk of the Navy Office writes word that they will attempt Harwich. Fears them not, but Capt. Deane has sent away most of his goods, to the discouragement of many who know him no better. The Dutch will receive a salute if they come to try what metal we are made of. Begs him to enlarge his news, Muddiman's being very large.
- July 30.
Harwich. 131. Earl of Oxford to Lord Arlington. The Dutch fleet has anchored in the Gunfleet, and thus given so much time that whatever they design against Harwich will be vain, as a regiment of 1,200 militia foot is advancing, and the rest of the militia in readiness at short notice. The platforms are laid, and within an hour the guns will be mounted. Expects orders from the Lord General.
- June 30.
Deal Castle. 132. Col. S. Titus to Williamson. Wants a commission, as promised by Lord Arlington to Sir Wm. Coventry, for his brother to be ensign in his company, his present ensign being promoted. Has heard nothing lately of the Dutch or French. Three vessels bound for London are in the Downs, but think it inconvenient to sail.

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June 30. Deal. 133. R. Watts to Williamson. On reading to the captains and officers the news that the King had ordered payment of the seamen's tickets, and would receive their complaints against the paymaster's clerks, they were as mad with joy as they were with grief at our loss at Chatham. His Majesty will never want seamen, if they do not lack pay. The Isle of Thanet is full of soldiers, and the seamen much rejoice that the clerks are called in question. Several masters of colliers resolve to go to sea, to be revenged on the Dutch. The report of paying the seamen satisfies all, for all tradesmen trust to their pay.
- June 30. Berwick. 134. M. Scott to Williamson. On Friday, five or six ships were seen cruising northward, believed to be of Sir Jeremy's Smith's squadron.
- June 30. Warrant to the Lord Chancellor to grant to Sir Alexander Frazer, King's physician, the estate of Bridget Denny's, an idiot, reserving therefrom *5l.* a year for her maintenance. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 497.*]
- June. Memoranda [from the Signet books] of warrants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow:—
Grant to Edward, son of the late Thos. Seymour, in reversion after Hen. Seymour of the office of Clerk of the Hanaper in the Court of Chancery.
Grant to Sir Edw. Wyndham of the office of Knight-Marshal of the household and Marshal of the marshalsea of the household. [*Domestic Corresp., May 1667, Vol. CCII., No. 130.*]
- June. Warrant to the Duke of York to order the selling of the ship Crown Malaga, with her guns, &c., now at Portsmouth, to Thos. Warren, merchant of London. [*Docquet.*]
- June. Restitution of temporalities of the bishopric of Ely to Benjamin [Laney] late Bishop of Lincoln, and now of Ely. [*Docquet.*]
- June. Warrant for part of the militia of Essex to march to Lee, in that county. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 157.*]
- [June.] Warrant for a grant to Dr. Timothy Clarke of the place of Second Physician to His Majesty, void by decease of Dr. Quatremaine; fee, 100*l.* a year. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 477.*]
- [June.] 135. Minute of the above warrant, with note for Dr. Clarke to succeed as first physician on death or surrender of Dr. Bates.
- June. Whitehall. 136. Warrant to the High Sheriffs of London and Middlesex to deliver Charles Laurence and six others, convicted at the Old Bailey sessions, but reprieved, to Rob. Ingram, to be by him transported beyond seas, with their full consent.
- June. 137. Commission to Michael Brett to be captain of a foot company in a regiment not named. [*Damaged.*]

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138. Blank commission for a cornet in the troop of John Earl of Mulgrave. [*Damaged.*]

June?

139. The King to the Treasury Comrs. A pass being given by the Duke of York to a ship to export goods to Holland, and bring back prisoners, and the said ship having also imported goods, she is arrested for so doing. Orders her discharge, as her pass did not prohibit such import, and the Admiralty of Holland permits our goods to be imported in ships which go from hence with prisoners. [*Draft.*]

June?

140. The King to the Duke of York. There is a report that the French fleet under the Duke de Beaufort has come out to sea, and is endeavouring to cruise in the chops of the Channel. Sir Thos. Allin, admiral of the squadron now there, is to be told, if he find they exceed him in strength when he has joined Sir Edw. Spragg's squadron, to retire to the Downs, leaving a few small ships to give intelligence. If he think himself strong enough to encounter the French fleet, he is to pursue his former instructions. [*Draft.*]

June?

141. Minute of a letter to the Earl of Suffolk to assist Major Fraas Wyndham in securing the Isle of Ely against fanatics or attempts of a foreign enemy, he bringing two troops of horse and two foot companies therefor. Also of a letter to Major Wyndham to take especial care in the above services.

June?

142. [Lord Arlington] to the Earl of Northumberland [Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland]. The King has just cause of jealousy lest the French should attempt a landing; Bolverhead, within his lichtenancy, is one of the places talked of. He is to put militia forces there, and have the other troops in readiness, but so as not to create too great an alarm in the country.

June?

143. ——— [to Williamson]. At Edinburgh mischief is feared from the Hollanders under Van Ghent; they have taken a Scottish vessel with 200 men, who, refusing quarter, were all sunk. Two rich prizes, laden with cloth, money, and timber, are brought in. A weaver who has foretold many things that have come to pass, offers to be hanged if the Dutch do not land before the 25th. The General has drawn up troops along the coasts of East Lothian and Fyfe; 44 of the West country rebels who escaped are retaken, and lodged in the Tolbooth.

June?

144. Thos. White of Dover to [Lord Arlington?]. Gives an account of arrears due to him for work done to ships and frigates, from 25 March 1665 to 24 June 1667, of which nothing has been paid since March 1666, and the poor carpenters have to borrow money for bread, and are afraid of prison. Entreats influence with the Navy treasurer for payment. Total amount due, 896*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.*

June?

145. Sir W. Vane to Williamson. Requests more commissions for lieutenants and ensigns, being to dispatch them out of town.

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June? 146. Memoranda [by Lord Arlington and Williamson], chiefly cancelled, about ordnance, workmen, &c. required at Gravesend and the blockhouse, and provisions for the same; gunners wanted at Harwich; sending off troops to Taunton; money to be sent to Gravesend, &c. [3 pages.]

[June.]

147. Note that Prince Rupert required provision for 2,000 men for 14 days, part of which Mr. Gauden supplied, and has sent the rest from Gravesend to Sheerness by land, the Dutch lying in the river.

June.

148. Accounts of the wages and salaries payable out of the Treasurer of the Chamber's office to the King's servants, at Midsummer 1667; total, 36,670*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.*; with a similar account of wages and salaries paid in 1632; total, 28,052*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* [4 pages.]

June?

149. Account of moneys lent to Sir George Carteret, [treasurer of the Navy], from 1662 to 1666; total, 340,305*l.*

June?

150. Account of Sir Geo. Carteret, treasurer of the Navy, from 1 July 1660 to June 1667; total receipts, 5,106,410*l.* 19*s.* 11½*d.*; payments, 5,106,403*l.* 7*s.* 1½*d.* [4 pages.]

June?

151. Clause in the instructions to the Lord Lieutenant of [Suffolk?] to take a particular account of the militia, and have them ready for defence of the coast, in case of an attempt of the enemy, and to order the troops of horse in Cambridgeshire under Mr. Millicent and Story to march as soon as ever required, the King expecting much from the diligence of the commanders and the goodness of the men.

June?

152. News [from Sandwich]. An Amsterdam vessel brings tidings that the Dutch are certain of a peace with England. Sandwich will be made a strong place by the industry of Col. Titus and willingness of the people.

June?

153. Note of an East India vessel, laden with gold and silver, worth 200,000*l.*, brought into Leith by Capt. Lloyd of the Portsmouth.

June?

154. Note that Mr. Perkins left money with Sir Hen. Bellasyse for the Marquis of Montbrun's son, on account of a privy seal, and to assure the debt, he took out letters of administration as principal creditor to the young Marquis on his death; on his petition, a reference is made for his payment to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Ashley; he was assured that no other money should issue from the Exchequer till he was paid.

June.

155. Note for John Davyes of Herefordshire, wounded in the last engagement, and John Seawater of Southwark, wounded in 1666, to be put into some hospital.

June?

156. Propositions dedicated to the King by Alex. Marchant, Sieur de St. Michel sur Couanon les Bauges, in Anjou, captain and

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major of English troops in Italy and Flanders, offering to show that he can draw up all submerged ships, even from the deepest waters; can prevent others from being submerged; has discovered King Solomon's gold and silver mines, much vaster than those discovered by Columbus, and now much fuller than they were in that King's time. He wishes to satisfy His Majesty on his first proposition, lest the other should be deemed unworthy an audience. [*French.*]

June?

157. Request of Louis Parant, agent in absence of M. Gravier, for an order to deliver to him as many French prisoners as his three galleys will take. The order was to give him up none of the prisoners unless he took all, but he cannot do this, as his large fly-boat is sunk. [*French.*]

Juno?

158. Request of Jean Kerkhoven, master of a fly-boat of 440 tons, sent from Dunkirk by the French king for prisoners, having on board victuals for 300 men, which boat, with all in it, was sunk by the King's commissioners near Woolwich, on approach of the Hollanders, for restoration of his said vessel, or for another for the service. [*French.*]

June?

159. Supplication of the French prisoners taken on the Ruby and kept at Chelsea College. Complain of their poverty and misery, and of the cruelty of the officers. One of their number having attempted to escape, was beaten, all his goods taken away, he put in irons, and shut up in prison 24 hours without food, on which his friends took out some bricks, and released him; but he was retaken, sent back to his prison, and Nich. Blondel, suspected of aiding him, was sought for. He hid in the pavilion of the prison, resisted orders to come down, threw bricks against two of the officers, but at length came down on their oath not to injure him; in spite of which they murdered him cruelly with many blows, and put his corpse in the same prison with the other offender, though it endangers infection. The gaoler tried in vain to persuade the officers to leave Blondel to him, but in their rage they treated him like the worst offender. [*French, 3 pages.*]

June.
Chatham.

160. Demand by Edw. Gregory of travelling charges for journeys made from Chatham to Sheerness to muster the companies of several ships named, between 19 December 1666 and 6 June 1667. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June.

161. List by Capt. Perriman of the names of boatswains and carpenters employed by the owners of six merchant ships named, taken up for the service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June.

162. Memorandum by Sir Wm. Batten as to how far the hired fire-ships ought to be supplied. [*Adm. Paper.*]

June.

163. Account by the Company of Barber Surgeons of surgeons' bills for ships named, sent to the ball unpaid since Jan. 1, 1667, amounting to 417*l.* 15*s.* [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*] *Enclosing,*

163. 1. *Memorandum concerning the Dreadnought and five other ships, &c.*

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Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson of King's and merchant's ships in the Downs, state of the winds, time of receipt and despatch of the mails, &c.

No.	Date.	King's.	Merchants.	Wind.	Mails.		Notes.
					Arrival.	Despatch.	
	June				June		
164	1	1	12	S.W.	1st, 6 P.M.	6½ P.M.	The Dover and Deal mails were exchanged by mistake.
165	2	2	15	-	None.	5½ P.M.	No bill has come with the mail for 2 months.
166	3	1	8	S.W.	None.	6 P.M.	The rest of the ships have sailed back to the river.
167	4	2	0	S.W.	None.	7 P.M.	News of the French fleet off Portland and near Dover.
168	6	2	0	W.	None.	6 P.M.	
169	6	2	0	W.	6th, 4 P.M.	6 P.M.	A small salt ship ran ashore, and was staved to pieces, below Deal Castle.
170	7	2	0	S.W.	None.	6 P.M.	40 Dutch men-of-war are at the back of Goodwin Sands; all are ready to receive them.
171	9	1	0	N.E.	None.	6 P.M.	Many guns are heard near, but no ships seen.
172	12	1	0	N.E.	None.	6 P.M.	
173	14	1	0	E.	None.	6 P.M.	
174	15	1	0	E.	None.	6 P.M.	
175	16	1	0	S.E.	None.	6 P.M.	
176	17	1	0	W.	None.	5 P.M.	
177	18	1	0	N.E.	None.	6 P.M.	News from France and Sweden brought in by the Flanders mail.
178	20	1	0	S.W.	20th, 4 P.M.	6 P.M.	The Frances and Roebuck exchanged shots with a Dutch man-of-war on the back of the Goodwin; 7 or 8 merchantmen are seen standing northward.
179	25	1	0	N.E.	None.	6 P.M.	
180	26	1	0	N.E.	None.	6 P.M.	12 Dutch men-of-war are on the back of the North Foreland; 2 Danish ships were allowed by De Ruyter to go to any other port but London.
181	27	1	0	N.E.	None.	6½ P.M.	De Ruyter sent to the inhabitants of Thanet, promising protection and payment if they would let him have water and provisions.
182	28	1	0	S.E.	None.	6 P.M.	

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July 1

1. Petition of Chris. Birkhead to Lord Arlington, for release from the Tower, on bail to appear and answer the calumnious suggestions against him, as he can produce a certificate that he is a quiet and peaceable trader, and a true member of the Church of England. Is very poor, having suffered much in the fire.

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July. 2. Similar petition, but not duplicate. *Annexing.*
2. 1. *Certificate by Edw. Stillingfleet, rector, and 19 parishioners of St. Andrew's, Holborn, that Christopher Birkhead, goldsmith, has lived in the parish many years in good esteem, and borne office; that he is godly, loyal, and well affected and will be likely to clear himself of the matters laid to his charge.* July 1, 1667.
- July 1. 3. "Advices," being notes of letters, all calendered above.
- July 1. 4. Sir Geo. Fletcher to Williamson. Is infected with love of news by a long conversation with Dr. Smith, and begs to be placed on his roll, but to make some acknowledgment of the favour.
- July 1. 5. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Sixty of the Dutch fleet are a
Aldborough. league southward, and expected to attempt some place on the coast. The whole fleet is judged to be there. Sir Rob. Brooke is in the town with three companies of foot, and Capt. Lemon's troop of horse.
- July 1. 6. Col. Edw. Villiers to Williamson. The two lords [Carlisle and
Tynemouth Castle. Ogle] join happily in the service, one performing the active part, as having a general's experience in the Chatham expedition, the other a general's interest in raising forces; Lord Ogle's regiment has rendezvoused at Killingworth Moor, and the number could have easily been doubled, that being the best part of England for raising foot. Knew nothing till his lordship came to the castle that he intended to make the writer his lieutenant-colonel; 200 small sail have left Tynemouth and Sunderland; the great ships are secured in harbour. Wishes the Dutch fleet would make an attempt, that they might be baffled.
- July 1. 7. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. If old Mr. Jemmett be ousted
Dover. from the management of the packet boats, begs to have them with young Mr. Jemmett; it will be a good employment. Old Jemmett employs such persons that, if King and kingdom are betrayed, the postmaster general may take notice of it. He let three Anabaptists go over in one boat, and most of his men are dissenters. Stricter care should be taken.
- July 1. 8. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The French are drawn from
Yarmouth. Flanders, and expected to be coming for England. Several of the pretended Ostenders, with whom some of the townspeople trade, are thought to belong to Zealand. An express just arrived reports 60 sail of the Dutch fleet to be at anchor in Aldborough Bay.
- July 1. 9. Information of Rich. Luckes, of East Looe. Is a shipmaster,
Cornwall. and was taken ten weeks ago by three French ships, and carried to Rochelle, where he was prisoner till 26 June, when he sailed for England, leaving at Brest 60 ships, 20 of them fire-ships. On the 24th, saw eight more men-of-war at Belle Isle, going to join the Duke de Beaufort; knows not whether they had landmen on board, and thinks they are designed for Flanders. The French people generally cry for peace.

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July 1. Letter to the Lord Mayor to supply 400*l.* for the works at
Whitehall. Gravesend and Tilbury, out of the 10,000*l.* promised by the city
on loan for fortifying Gravesend, Sheerness, &c. Minute. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 249.*]
- July 1. Pass for Mdle. ——— from France into England, on recommen-
dation of Abbot Montague. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 497.*]
- July 1. Warrant to Sir John Robinson to appoint a sufficient person to
attend as Lieutenant of the Tower while he is absent on employ-
ments or his private affairs. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 519.*]
- July 1. Warrant to the Lord Chancellor to order a commission appointing
Whitehall. Thos. Lewes, of St. Pere, co. Monmouth, to act as high sheriff for
the remainder of the year, on decease of Chris. Perkins, the former
sheriff. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 216.*]
- July 1. Pass for Sir John Macklier and his lady and family to return to
Whitehall. Sweden, with four horses bought for the King of Sweden. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 22.*]
- July 1. 10. Frns. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Has 83 men at work on
Bristol. the frigate, and 20 squaring, moulding, and sawing in the woods,
beside many teams and vessels for carrying timber, so that his
charge is very great. Asks them to consider his great want of
the money owing for the St. Patrick; will have another payment
due next week. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 1. 11. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Comrs. Has had money sent
The Diamond, down for paying off the men on the fire-ships. Most of them having
Whitehall. their tickets in the office, begs that the clerks of the office at Tower
Hill, &c. may have orders to deliver the tickets, on a note under
their commanders' hands, signifying that they belong to fire-ships,
and will not desert. Also wants provisions to be sent for the fire-
ships, as many have but one day's provisions aboard. The list
which his clerk should have sent to Mr. Pepys has been delivered to
Mr. Waith. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 1. 12. Thos. Pointer to the Navy Comrs. Will cause a survey to
Hull. be taken of all the stores on board the Little Victory. Begs Sir
George Carteret will hasten money down, or an order upon the
receiver at York for payment of the ship's company, as Capt. Ludman
of the Swallow is to have 40 of her men. They will be very much
dissatisfied if turned over without money, after serving 26 months.
Arrival of ships named in Whitebooth. Sir Jer. Smith, with his
squadron, is daily expected. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 1. 13. Capt. Charles Juxon to the Navy Comrs. After long enquiry,
Golden Hart, has found a person capable of being carpenter of his ship, whose
Gallions. name is Alex. Staples. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 1. 14. Capt. Thos. Foulis to the Navy Comrs. Asks warrants for
Robert Barker, who is gunner, and Jno. Waldoe, carpenter of the
Wood Merchant fire-ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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July 2. 15. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. If he has not done
Leith. the King service, is assured to his great expense that he has not
done disservice. Thanks God he has a good King and Prince, and
is satisfied with their pleasure, albeit turned out of all offices in the
three kingdoms whereby an honest old officer might have performed
according to his strength. Is not a discontented person, and if he
has no more of the King for his service, hopes never to deserve
reproof for succeeding actions. Sends a letter to Lord Landerdale,
open for them to read. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 2. 16. St. J. Steventon to Sam. Pepys. Sends musters and warrants
Portsmouth. for the past week, and explains a mistake in a warrant for the
York. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 2. 17. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. The Council lately
St. James's. ordered 200*l.* to be sent to Gravesend for carrying on the service.
Such seamen as are employed therein must be paid by the Ordnance,
being properly gunners and mattrasses; hopes they will be provided
without the 100*l.* mentioned. Mr. Johnson, storekeeper at Ports-
mouth, is appointed captain of a company formed out of the men in
the yard, to do service on any attempt from the enemy. He being
likely to raise some men from the ropemakers, the clerk of the
ropeyard makes a difficulty whether to allow them their time when
they exercise, theirs being taskwork. It is reasonable that it should
be allowed them, as they lose the time in which they should be earn-
ing money, and their service is necessary for defence of the place.
Hopes the Commissioners will take care that much time is not
thrown away in exercising; a little sometimes to teach them the
use of their arms is necessary. Desires they will give fitting orders
to Comr. Middleton. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]
- July 2. 18. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships named;
Ipswich. 20 sail at Harwich are in petty warrant, 9 or 10 of whom are
colliers, lying ready to be sunk if there be occasion. The Holland
fleet have not made any attempt as yet upon Landguard Fort nor
Harwich. Will send the June accounts the latter end of the
week. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 2. 19. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the arrival
Kinsale. and departure of ships. The squadron on the coast complain much
of being short of stores, and take most of the victual stores, lest
there should not be any left in case they return. Mr. Chudleigh,
the master shipwright, cannot supply any more frigates, having
exhausted his whole stock and credit, and met with several dis-
couragements from London, so that the next ships that come in
will be there until their wants be presented to their honours, and
orders granted. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 2. 20. Capt. Thos. Stollard to the Navy Comrs. The wind pre-
The Milkmaid, vented his going out with the Anne and two other ships. A squadron
Kinsale harbour. of nine sail, supposed to be French, plies to and from the harbour;
dares not venture out till they are gone, but will proceed the first
opportunity. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Dover.

21. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Is so far from discouraging the service that he has promised Thos. Dawkes, if he will undertake the business, to assist and go halves, and so carry it on together. Mr. Dawkes is the fittest man in the town for it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 2.
Whitehall.

The King to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. On the death of Dr. Smith, chanter of the Cathedral, the Bishop of Exeter conferred the place on Dr. John Wilkins, chaplain to His Majesty, and a very deserving man; therefore, by ancient statute, he should have had the canonry also; but they, taking advantage of the Bishop's absence, and Dr. Wilkins' not demanding it at once, bestowed it on Mr. Naylor, either from faction, precipitancy, or bad principle, which deserves very severe animadversion. Requires them to lay aside Mr. Naylor, and choose and instal Dr. Wilkins into Dr. Smith's canonry, on his demanding the same. [*Ent. Book 27, pp. 1a, 2.*]

July 2.

22. Thos. Hale to Viscount Conway. Sends his lordship a letter from the mayor of St. Alban's, for his lordship's brother's action, and is glad the business is so ended. Hopes he is convinced that the writer designed nothing but faithful service to his lordship's brother, and indemnity to his own father.

July 2.
Edinburgh.

23. Rob. Mein to Williamson. Sir Jeremy Smith and the privateers have taken many more prizes. The trained bands rendezvoused at Edinburgh, and the magistrates were specially careful to see them well armed, and ordered all to be ready on the first beat of the drum. There were two well-appointed companies of 1,000 each, called merchant and trades' youths, beside 20 companies. Leith is being fortified by planting guns. The Lord General, with 2,000 foot and 500 horse, lies on the watch at Cockeney, between Dunbar and Leith; and the Earl of Linlithgow, with like numbers, on the other side the Frith.

July 2.
7 A.M.,
Aldborough.

24. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The Dutch fleet of 80 sail has anchored in the bay; they were expected to land, but they tacked about, and stood first northward and then southward, close by Orford lighthouse, and have now passed the Ness towards Harwich; they have fired no guns, but made false fires. Capt. Millicent's troop has come in, so that there are now two troops of horse and three companies of foot.

July 2.
Harwich.

25. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The whole Dutch fleet of 70 ships, which was at anchor in the Gunfleet and Sledway, is sailing northward; many of them are at anchor, but most have sailed out of sight.

July 2.
Noon,
Harwich.

26. Jo. Quin to Williamson. The lord lieutenant, being busy, wishes the writer to give notice to Lord Arlington that the whole body of the enemy is standing into Harwich, and the foremost so near Landguard Fort that fire is expected every moment; yet, as the wind slackens, it is uncertain whether they will begin the attack

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this tide. "They come in close between the Sands from the Suffolk coast, a way our great ships never used to adventure." His lordship is providing as well as he can to receive them.

July 2.
3 P.M.
Harwich.

27. Silas Taylor to Williamson. At 11 a.m. the Dutch were discovered about Filstow *alias* Felixstow Cliff. At 1 o'clock, 47 came to the back of the fort, besides five that lay in the Sledway, and sent out eight or nine into the outer part of the Rolling Grounds, where they have just anchored. They have landed 1,000 men, and Felixstow beacon has been fired.

July 2.
11 P.M.
Harwich.

28. Silas Taylor to Williamson. At 8 p.m. the Dutch fleet came into the Rolling Grounds, and fired many guns at the fort and at the ships placed at the entrance of the harbour, to be sunk for security. Some were sunk; knows not why the rest were not; 2,000 or 3,000 landed at Filstow Cliff, with a very great stand of pikes; some attacked Landguard Fort, and made two bold assaults, but were repulsed boldly; their loss is said to be 150. Saw much firing of the militia from Filstow Cliff. The major of the regiment says they have had a great skirmish with the Dutch. Hopes the place may be secured, though wanting both friends and power. The Dutch lie close to the shore, 47 or 48 sail, beside five in the Sledway. Expects an action to-morrow. [2 pages.]

July 2.
Dover.

29. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. A Dutch prize of 500 tons, taken by the Blackamoor, has come in, bound from St. Malo's for Amsterdam. Guns have been heard, supposed to be before Harwich. There was great rejoicing when the Royal Charles appeared in Holland, but their joy was spoiled by tidings that their East India fleet was taken. It is reported there that peace will be concluded in 14 days.

July 2.
Chester.

30. F. Fairfax to Williamson. Thanks for favours, and especially for a pass for his horses.

July 2.
Plymouth.

31. John Clarke to Williamson. The Nonsuch brings news that all is well in Ireland, and two of our East India ships safe there. There are only three of the King's ships at Plymouth; the rest of the western squadron are on their station.

July 2.

32. John Clarke to James Hickey. To the same effect.

July 2.
Newcastle.

33. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Departure of vessels. Lord Ogle's regiment of foot and Lord Carlisle's troop have mustered; Lord Widdrington's will muster to-day. Their lordships have taken great care to secure the harbour, and are about fitting two fire-ships, besides the other guard ships which are moored close together.

July 2.
Cardiff.

34. Jo. Man to Williamson. Those parts are quiet and peaceable.

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July 2.
Margate.

35. Job. Smith to Williamson. No Dutch are seen on the coast ; they are either gone northward or gone home.

July 2.
London.

36. James Hickes to Williamson. Complains that Sir John Bennet tries to reduce the postmasters to 20s. a mile, which lowers them from 40*l.* to 20*l.* a year, and that he makes and unmakes contracts, so that they fear they may be removed at pleasure. The two porters are reduced from 10*s.* to 6*s.* a week, and are no longer to have 6*d.* for each express sent to Whitehall ; the 30 letter carriers are reduced from 8*s.* to 6*s.* Has been labouring all week, being at work five nights, to put the Foreign office in the same order as the Inland, which will cause a profit of many hundreds a year. Will do his best, though told he is designed for ruin when he has served their turn. Sir John puts a boy, recommended by Sir Phil. Frowde, before the writer, or Mr. Parsons, an able and diligent accountant. Has 100*l.* a year salary, and sends 15 dozen Gazettes on Tuesdays, and 13 dozen on Thursdays, for which some pay 2*d.* or 3*d.* each. Begs support under discouragements. [2 pages.]

July 1st.
Breda.

37. Dr. H. Yerhury to Williamson. In April, went from Geneva to Heidelberg ; dined with the Prince Elector, who spoke of the good services done him by Mr. Coventry in Sweden. Went down the Rhine, under protection of an envoy whom the Elector sent to Breda, taking an excursion to Antwerp and Brussels, of which Mr. Allestree has given an account. Had a pass from Van Bevering, and a letter to the States Comr. at the Hague, to go to Leyden and Amsterdam ; but the president of the council refused passage to any English, and said that they all, viz., Mr. Packington, Lord Holles's chaplain, Mr. Allestree, and the writer were prisoners of war, for having spoken prejudicially of the Holland government, but in consideration of the letter they brought, they should be sent, not to prison, but to Breda. Denied having so spoken, and challenged proof ; this was refused, and they were sent with a messenger to Breda. Lord Holles was much displeased, and Lord [Ambassador] Coventry sent him to give an account of the affairs to Van Bevering. He said that he had heard from the States that the affair must be dismissed as though it had never been, and that any process thereon might hinder the amicable treaty on foot ; for every president of council is not so obliging as could be wished, not being the same as in English Parliaments, where the speaker is constant. Kissed hands, and Van Bevering promised to be yet further accountable to his Excellency. Wishes this story concealed from Whitehall, as the world goes now, but names it to him, for fear of its being misreported. Fears Mr. Packington's uncle, my lord, and Sir Wm. Coventry, will not allow his return to England these two years. Is heart weary, and must either disoblige Mr. Packington's relations by declining their commands, or renounce his own content. [4 pages.]

July 2.
Portsmouth.

38. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Sir Rob. Holmes has carried away all the men-of-war ready at that port. Lord Gerard is active in perfecting the fortifications and planting more ordnance ; the deputy lieutenants have been several times to consult with him.

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July 3. 39. Fras. Malory to James Hickey. A privateer of 12 guns is
Pembroke. sailing about the land, convoying 10 Plymouth colliers.
- July 3. 40. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.
- July 3. 41. Anth. Thorold to James Hickey. Jersey and Guernsey are in
Lyme. good condition, but have been alarmed by the sight of 40 French
vessels, most of which are now gone into Rochelle. Our privateers
have taken two or three prizes. The French talk much of peace
with England. The deputy lieutenants are coming, by order of
Council, to enquire into some miscarriage, but it will prove only a
small affair.
- July 3. 42. Maurice Berkeley to Williamson. Is sorry to have troubled
Bruton. him for commissions for captain lieutenants of his militia troop,
having blank commissions by him.
- July 3. 43. "Advices," being memoranda from letters, all calendared
above.
- July 3. 44. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Notices of vessels. Sir
Hull. Jeremy Smith is said to have been seen off Whitby and Scar-
borough.
- July 3. 45. A. Ellis to Williamson. Sends an express from Suffolk with
Letter Office. the label torn, as there has been some miscarriage.
- July 3. 46. Jos. Williamson to H. Oldenburg. Can only serve him in his
misfortune by persuading patience; a little time may recover all;
will contribute what he can, and send him any letters that come,
except those from France, which he will presume to open and keep.
Two packets of the code Louis have arrived. Wishes him content
and short confinement. With Oldenburg's reply, July 4. Began
him to assure Lord Arlington of his zeal for the King and nation.
His fortunes are too narrow to lie long in so chargeable a place as
the Tower. Wants leave to see a friend now and then; has only use
of pen and ink by favour of the lieutenant.
- July 3. 47. Sir Jonathan Trelawney to Williamson. Has drawn part of his
Fowey. regiment there, but being militia, they are not to be relied on against
a home enemy, though he hopes well as to a foreign one. Is sorry
to contradict the tidings that the complexion of the country is much
changed; but enemies have been persuading the people that the
government grows popish, and hopes to play their game by the new
levies; they grow very insolent and open-faced. Sends an exami-
nation for Lord Arlington.
- July 3. 48. Rich. Rawlinson to Williamson. Wishes the weekly letter to
Falmouth. be addressed to Lord Percy, now he is in the country.
- July 3. 49. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Six or seven great ships,
Falmouth. supposed to be frigates from Plymouth or the Isle of Wight, have
been seen off the coast, but no enemies heard of for two or three
weeks. Since Lord Arundel came down, the place is in a posture to

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receive them, should they make any attempt. Sir John Arundel's troop has gone into Helstone, and three companies of Sir Wm. Godolphin's to Penzance, where they will stay three days, and then three others take their place. Lord Arundel has sent his warrant to the several parishes, to provide public and private stores to be in readiness on occasion.
- July 3. 50. Thos. Holden to Jas. Hickey. To the same effect as part of
Falmouth. the above.
- July 3. 51. Sir Edw. Rosseter to Williamson. Is desired to raise a troop,
Somerset. but has received only three commissions; wants one for a quartermaster.
- July 3. 52. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The militia officers exercise
Yarmouth. their companies daily, and they are now expert soldiers, though so ignorant at first that they scarce knew their right hand from their left. An express has come to Sir John Holland, that about Woodbridge haven 4,000 Dutch landed, but were beaten off with the loss of 10 of our men.
- July 3. 53. Thos. Palmer to Lord Arlington. Will make diligent enquiry
Harborough. as commanded, and give a full and perfect account.
- July 3. Warrant for instalment of first-fruits for Benjamin [Laney]
Bishop of Ely, 1,921*l.* 8*s.* 6½*d.*, to be paid in four years. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 58.*]
- July 3. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet.*]
- July 3. Warrant to Gervase Price, serjeant-trumpeter, to press and take
up as many trumpeters and drumbeaters as are thought necessary by the Lord General, for the new raised forces, soon to be mustered. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 172.*]
- July 3. Commission for George Hamelton to be lieutenant and major to
the King's Guards, as Col. Worden is to the Duke's. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 172.*]
- July 3. Commission to Sir Philip Howard to be captain and colonel of the
Duke of Albemarle's troop of Guards. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 173.*]
- July 3. Warrant to the officers of Customs, for restitution to John Eng-
lish, merchant, of certain wines sent over by Sir David English, consul at Bourdeaux, with other wines which were a present to the King from the Duke of Vernueil, and also for the liberation of the vessel St. Mary de l'Isle which brought them, seized because she was 35 tons burden more than prefixed by the passport. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 498-9.*]
- July 3. Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to deliver to Sieur
Kievitt his ship St. John of Rotterdam and Stettin, laden with wines and salt, and bound from France to Hamburg, which was brought in to Plymouth as a prize. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 499.*]
- July 3. Grant of a pension of 100*l.* a year to Charles Cotterell, as master
of requests. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 500.*]
- July [3]. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet.*]

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9 A.M.

Harwich.

54. Earl of Oxford to Lord [Arlington]. The enemy have shipped the remainder of their broken party, and the fleet draws away as fast as the dead calm will permit. If they leave the coast, wishes to return to London. The harbour, with the fortifications, Landguard Fort, and the fire-ships, is not now an enterprize for Dutch courage, and the disrepute of this enterprize moderates the grief for the loss at Chatham.

July 3.

11 A.M.

Harwich.

55. Silas Taylor to [Williamson]. The designs of the Dutch in so many places have rendered the accounts very confused. The eight Dutch ships which sent such clouds of smoke on the fort, were merely for that purpose; thinks above 2,000 men landed about Filstow Cliff *alias* Felixstow. At 4 or 5 o'clock, the Suffolk forces came to them in inclosures; 400 or 500 were detached from the Dutch main body to meet them, with a strong body of pikes and two or three drakes, with which they maintained the lanes and hedges; so that the horse being excluded from service, the Earl of Suffolk got his ground but by inches. Meanwhile, 300 or 400, covered by the smoke from the ships, made up to Landguard Fort, with scaling ladders of 20 feet, hand granadoes, drawn cutlasses, and muskets, and came close up to the fort; their reception was brisk when discovered, and they were repulsed after half an hour's assault. They got under the sand banks, but the Lenox and Truelove played on them from the water. An hour after, they tried again, but ran away, leaving some of their ladders and arms. By 9 p.m. they had withdrawn to their body about Felixstow Cliff; they stood their ground the longer because their boats were aground, but, being pressed by the Earl of Suffolk, had much ado to keep themselves from disorder. This lasted from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m., when the water floating their boats, they got off to their ships, which at 6 a.m. were under sail, and are now out of sight, Felixstow Cliff being in Ousley Bay. The five great Dutch ships still ride in the Sledway, and a Rear-Admiral came yesterday into the Rolling Grounds. The loss is uncertain; only one man was killed in the fort, but four Dutch were killed before it. [2½ pages.]

July 4.

Dover.

56. Sir Thos. Teddeman to the Navy Comrs. Alex. Kenton, who has been master of a ship, and is son-in-law of Capt. Rich. Jacob, of that town, is willing to succeed Mr. White, his father offering to be bound for his fidelity. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 4.

Gravesend.

57. Rich. Elkin to Sam. Pepys. The pursers of the Diamond and three other vessels complain of the want of petty warrant victualling, and are forced to spend upon their sea victuals, being so ordered by Sir Wm. Penn. Asks orders thereon. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 4.

Deptford.

58. James Matthews to the Navy Comrs. John Moore, who has long served His Majesty with lime, will supply no more without ready money, as his stock of coals is nearly done. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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July 4. 59. Rich. Reynell to Thos. Hayter. Will send the unpaid bills for the Golden Phoenix, as soon as he can get them from Mr. Fenn. Surgeon's Hall. Henry Dering was appointed surgeon of the Francis fire-ship, at the captain's request. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 4. 60. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Asks them to peruse and send the enclosed by some safe hand, which may follow [Sir Edw. Spragg], if he have sailed. Presumes they will find him in the Hope. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses.*

60. 1. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sir E. Spragg. *Francis Hammond, late master of the Desire smack, and Stephen Skews are to be gunners. The enemy have attempted Landguard Fort, and been beaten off; is not sure whether they continue to ride in the Rolling Ground or not. Wishes the frigates gone there knew it, but hopes they will use caution enough in sailing. His Royal Highness is gone to Harwich.* [*Copy.*] *Encloses,* July, 4, 1667.

60. 1. i. Order in Council,—on Sir Edw. Spragg's letter about payment of seamen who offer to serve in the fire-ships,—that the paymaster proceed to pay such as have tickets unpaid, and if any whose tickets have been paid off shall murmur and prove unruly, because they have no ready money paid them, the officers of the place are to secure and send them to the Lieutenant of the Tower, who is to receive and keep them until further orders. [*Copy.*]

Whitehall, July 3, 1667.

July 4. 61. Edmond Harris, mayor of Rye, to the Navy Comrs. Has cleared the St. Andrew of her masts, at a charge of 3*l.* 15*s.* Rye. Entreats that he may be reimbursed sooner than the former bill, which is not yet paid, though long since ordered; begs assistance for Mr. Cheston whom he employed, and who has wearied himself with fruitless applications for payment. Gives particulars of the condition of the masts, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 4. 62. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Lord Gerard has gone to Portsmouth. view the fortifications, Southampton and Calshot Castles, and the Isle of Wight. He is adding more fortifications to Portsmouth, to make the place impregnable.

July 4. 63. J. Knight to Williamson. Wants a commission for Thos. Seale, accepted by Sir Allan Apsley as surgeon to his regiment of foot.

July 4. 64. Hugh Acland to Williamson. The militia are disposed in Truro. the most convenient places, in case of any attempt. Sir Arthur Bassett has arrived, and is raising his regiment, which will soon be completed.

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July 4.
Newcastle.

65. Earl of Carlisle to Williamson. Wants the news every post. Spoke to one of Williamson's clerks for it, but he has forgotten to send it. Has an odd people to deal with, but hopes soon to make all things safe against any attempt of the enemy; 48 hours would have been enough, if there had been willingness of mind, and good tools to work with.

July 4.

66. Wm. Leving to Sir Roger Langley, Bart. Wants the money promised by His Majesty. Does not wish the party to come up till the writer has his liberty; but if he were there to say what he is capable of, it might move some to speak to the Lord Chief Justice and to satisfy Justice White. Is guilty of no transgression but that which he confessed, and has taken such a course with those who should prosecute him, that they are glad he is come away. Begs for a pardon. *Encloses.*

66. I. A ——— to Wm. Leving, Wood Street, Westminster. *Is pleased with his assurance of the good state of affairs, and the reception the enemies will have if they make a second attempt. Capt. Grimstone fears not his success. Future intentions would be best facilitated by an order to fetch the writer up, on pretext of corresponding with Heydon's patron or some like pretence, and lodging him some time at a messenger's; it may pass for a mistake afterwards. Will be ready to remove on an hour's notice.*
June 29, 1667.

July 4†

67. Petition of Anne, wife of Wm. Bedwell, to Lord Arlington, for leave to visit her husband in the Tower, he being committed with Chris. Birkhead, on suspicion of high misdemeanor; he has long been loyal, though maliciously misrepresented, and is in great want.

July 4.
Tower.

68. W. Bedwell to Lord Arlington. Is willing to take the oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, and to conform his bonds to loyalty and obedience. Begs release and future employment. Is unable to supply his wife and children with necessaries, much less to pay the fees for his enlargement.

July 4.
Whitehall.

69. Pass from Lord Arlington for Estevano Fernandez Costa, master of the St. Estevano, Pedro de Carvalho, master of the Nostra Senora de Atalaia, and Mannel de Costa, master of the Nostra Senora de Piedade, to Oporto or any other port of the King of Portugal. [*Copy.*]

July 4.

Warrant for a grant in reversion to Sir William Poulteney of the lease of part of certain lands in the parishes of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Chelsea, and Fulham, co. Middlesex, in which he has an interest in a grant from King James; they were since granted in jointure to the Queen-Mother, and by her to the Earl of St. Alban's, who has surrendered a parcel thereof for the enlargement of St. James's Park, and is willing to surrender the said lands in behalf of Sir William Poulteney. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 500-1.*]

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July 4.
Newcastle.

70. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Lord Widdrington's troop was mustered yesterday. Lord Ogle continues in town, and Lord Carlisle at Tynemouth, and has so well ordered his business that no attempt by water need be feared. Arrival of vessels.

July 4.

71. Dr. Thos. Gumble, prebendary of Winchester, to Williamson. Intercedes in behalf of the Winchester carrier, taken by Lord Arlington's warrant, and made prisoner to a messenger; he has many children, and is miserably poor; begs his discharge, and abatement of the rigorous fees. The last foot post usually dispersed the letters of the flying post, and was permitted to disperse his own letters.

July 4.
Harwich.

72. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Capt. Darell, Governor of Landguard Fort, was wounded, but not dangerously. Towards evening, several hundred men were sent to the other side of the water, under command of Major Legg; they were very welcome to the Earl of Suffolk, but the enemy were drawn off before they arrived. Several boats laden with dead men put off from the shore. A Swede, who has been on board De Ruyter, says 60 or 80 are slain by their own confession, some being commanders of quality. A tall English lieutenant-colonel led the Dutch, and they had two English pilots; one was on board the Vice-Admiral that ran aground, an accident which greatly hindered them. There were three squadrons; the first was to play on the fort from the Platters side, the second from the Rolling Ground side, and the third to come straight in. They were troubled with the ships lying across the entrance, not knowing whether they were men-of-war or fire-ships, but wondered more to see some of them sink. They expected the fort to yield at first sight, thinking there were but 30 guns and 150 men. They sailed yesterday towards Aldborough, and at 7 a.m. the Duke of York came into town, where he stays and dines, and then over to Landguard. [2 pages.]

July 4.
5 A.M.
Aldborough.

73. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Yesterday the Dutch fleet was spied under sail from Ousley Bay; three vessels ran aground on Whiting Sand, which caused the others to anchor in the bay two miles off. They sent 10 men to land and pass about Orford lighthouse, and return; they have not attempted to land, as was expected, but stand to the south, two leagues off. The country has come down in great companies, both horse and foot, with halberds, scythes and what weapons they could get; also there are four companies of foot and two troops of horse, under Sir Rob. Brooke, who has been very diligent. Complains that an express sent by him was stopped as usual by the postmaster, who pulled off the labels, and sent it five or six hours afterwards with the mail.

July 4.

74. Sir Jo. Bennet to Williamson. The Marlborough carrier was committed by a justice of peace, indicted for breach of an Act of Parliament; he cannot be released till that procedure pass on him, and then there is an arrest out for him. Hopes his brother [Lord Arlington] will consider the office, and not pass the man without security.

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July 5. 75. J. Knight to Williamson. At request of Sir Arthur Bassett, has appointed Rich. Plaw surgeon to his regiment; he will go to Cornwall, where the regiment is raising, and wants his commission.
- July 5. 76. Jo. Lyndsey to Williamson. A fleet of 50 or 60 sail, supposed to be the Straits' fleet, has passed the bay.
Dartmouth.
- July 5. 77. Thos. Waade to Williamson. It is uncertain whether seven ships that passed are Hamburgers or Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron. A small fleet of laden colliers has passed southward, dogged by two pickeroons, but none are taken as yet.
Whitby.
- July 5. 78. Willm. Freeman to Williamson. A squadron of the Dutch fleet, appearing off the North Foreland, causes all to be in arms, lest they should have some design on the Island [of Thanet], Sandwich, or some place near.
Dover Castle.
- July 4. 79. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The guns have been heard three days, and the Dutch are supposed to be about Harwich. It is reported that part of Bristol is fired by Romish treachery, at which people's hearts are much cast down, but their tongues as high and loud as ever. Three ships laden with deals, which have lain 20 days, have gone up the river.
Deal.
- July 5. 80. Col. S. Titus to Williamson. At 8 a.m. part of the Dutch fleet was discovered, standing in the North Foreland; 14 ships beside galliots, &c.; the flags of one vice-admiral and two rear-admirals were discerned; expected they would have visited the Downs, as they had wind and tide, but they anchored before the Foreland. Either Margate or Deal are ready for them, if they come not too many.
Deal Castle.
- July 5. 81. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Arrival of 100 colliers without convoy, having escaped three capers, which they fell in with. Sir John Holland and Sir Wm. Doyley's regiments march out to-morrow, and Lord Townshend's new-raised regiment, with Sir Ralph Hare's of the county militia, come in; the constables are providing their quarters. The reports of the attempt on Landguard Fort are very various.
Yarmouth.
- July 5. 82. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Duke of York has been and confirmed all that the writer had done to secure the town and harbour; was laughed at then, and is despised now, because inherent modesty prevents his putting himself forward as others. The country militia have knocked out the brains of a Frenchman found in a field. Several carcasses have been driven on shore. Has written by every express but one. The Dutch fleet appears now the same as seen by the Duke of York through a glass on Thursday. The Duke's presence much comforts the people. The fleet has three admirals, and is in the Sledway and the Gunfleet. [2 pages.]
Harwich.
- July 5. 83. John Clarke to Williamson. There have sailed 10 or 12 vessels bound to Lyme, Weymouth, and Portsmouth, but none have arrived.
Plymouth.

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July 5. Plymouth. 84. John Clarke to James Hickey. To the same effect as the preceding.
- July 5. Plymouth. 85. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The Drake coming from Scilly reports the coast clear; she only saw Sir Rob. Holmes's squadron, &c. The Drake and Nonsuch are gone to the French coast, to discover what they can of the enemy.
- July 5. Lynn. 86. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. Arrival of 60 sail of colliers; they sailed, without convoy, with 200 more, some of which have gone for Boston, the Humber, &c.; 100 wished to secure themselves in Yarmouth till they can find an opportunity to get for London, but are coming into Lynn, being unable to get to Yarmouth. Thinks the coals will be carried from Lynn to London; the price is 30s. per chaldron; the water carriage to Cambridge will be 4s., land carriage thence to Ware 20s. or 25s., and water carriage from Ware to London 6s. or 7s. per chaldron. The ships report that a week ago, Sir Jeremy Smith was with his prizes at the Staples. The militia in the town and country continue yet in arms.
- July 5. Margate. 87. John Smith to Williamson. A squadron of the Dutch is on the North Foreland, but they have not attempted anything.
- July 5. 5 P.M. Post Office. 88. Sir John Bennet to Williamson. The packet of letters sent to Bruges June 28 was returned from Nieuport by the last Holland mail, without any letter or account, having never been sent to Bruges. Asks whether two packets from him are to be sent again by to-night's mail. Thinks Bruges may be besieged by the French.
- July 5. 89. Sir Wm. Coventry to Lord [Arlington]. Wishes further examination might be made relative to Sir Edw. Smith and Edmund Lee, merchants; wants the evidence not only of the owners, but of the captain and others serving in her at her loss; at best the ship should only be treated as one pressed for the King's service, which is secured against taking or burning by the enemy; if she foundered through her own defect, His Majesty, should not bear the loss, or if he do, at a very moderate rate.
- July [5]. 90. The King to the East India Company. The exigency of his affairs, and the difficulty of raising money on credit, induce him to request from them a loan of 20,000*l.* for the use of the Navy, on security to be proposed by the Lord General, Lord Ashley, and Sir Wm. Coventry. Is sorry to be compelled to apply to them again, by an exigency which must be seen by all; promises not to draw their compliance into a precedent, and urges it as a very reasonable service. [*Draft, 2 pages.*]
- July 5. 91. Draft of the above.
- July 5. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 250.*]
- July 5. The Riddeschap. 92. Magnus Werch to his wife Elizabeth Sterns of Rotterdam. Is separated from De Rayter, and is near Zealand, with Van Ghent as admiral, and 16 or 17 ships, waiting for the East India vessels. Private affairs. Religious advice.

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July 5. 93. Certificate by John Fenn, that there is no money remaining in the hands of Sir George Carteret upon account of a privy seal to Sir Tob. Bridges, for the charges of a regiment of foot raised for Barbadoes, wherewith to answer an order of Council of 13 March last, for payment of 66*l.* 19*s.* to Lord Willoughby of Parham. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 5. 94. R. Waith to the Navy Comrs. Has 500*l.* towards the payment of the Mathias and Charles V., which may pay such wages as will be claimed, many being prisoners or dead that will not be present at the pay. Desires a few days' warning of the day for payment. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 5. 95. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Desires that the 500*l.* or 600*l.* left in Mr. Tippet's hands at the last pay may be applied to paying the board wages of the ship carpenters in Portsmouth Yard, and such other like pressing occasions as may happen in that port, of which Comr. Middleton is to be the judge. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 5.
Kissale. 96. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Complains of the extravagant demands of ship officers for stores, &c. Repeats information as to Mr. Chudleigh's cessation of service. The Lord President is sensible of many strange disorders committed by one of the commanders and company, and the running away of men from the ships. Nine or ten sail have been seen plying for several days between the Old Head and Cape Clear; fears they are French. Flying reports say there is another squadron that plies near to sea-board of them, of about 15 sail. Capt. Prideaux, arrived in a fire-ship, says the ships seen on the coast are Rear-Admiral Kemphorne and his squadron. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 6.
Portsmouth. 97. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Sends the account for victualling ships to 30 June. There have been no receipts nor issues of provisions this week. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 6.
Bristol. 98. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. By continual disbursements, has not wherewith to relieve his family; the King's business under his management is at a stand. The carriers of timber are all off for want of pay; fears the summer season is lost as to that. Poor workmen are ready to famish, and are thrown into prison daily, and every one is upon him for money. Signed and gave the bill ordered by them for 600*l.* to Sir Thomas Langton, the mayor, whose agent at London has presented it, and been about it so many times that the mayor threatens to send for the bill and deliver it to the writer. Begs that at least that bill may be paid, and some course be taken to prevent his utter ruin. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 6.
Woolwich. 99. Chr. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Is in great want of timber for carrying on the works. Rich. Abbott, of Orpington in Kent, will send 200 loads upon reasonable terms. Must discharge 200 men without it, which will beget a great clamour for their pay. Has

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sent to Mr. Hardwin to furnish men and materials for the glazing and plating works of the Mary and French Ruby, but he cannot do it at his former prices. Is importuned by the smith for 200*l.* or 300*l.* to procure coals and iron, and for a better rate of payment. Without money he will not be able to supply the daily necessities more than a week, his coals and iron being well nigh exhausted. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 6. 100. Capt. John Pearce to the Navy Comrs. Desires that Jno. Whitton may be appointed master surgeon of the Hamburg Merchant, under his command. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 6. 101. Capt. Hen. Millett to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Baghy will not lay out any more money [on his ship], but will allow what they see convenient to be disbursed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 6. 102. Edw. Rundells to Sam. Pepys. Understands their honours
Deptford. have been told that he has embezzled two brasses belonging to the gates in the wet dock. The outward gates not being made use of since the dock was made, the apron was defective under them; was forced to take up the two brasses, and place the lower ends of the gates in another manner, whereby the brasses became useless; after having them some time in his keeping, carried them to the storehouse, where they remain under the charge of the storekeeper. If he has committed any fault, it was through ignorance, for which he begs pardon. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

102. 1. *Information of Mr. Burroughs, founder, to Sam. Pepys, that Rundells, the house carpenter at Deptford, sent some brass to Houndeditch for sale, saying it was his perquisite, but afterwards had it brought to the King's stores; with a note that, Rundells dying, the prosecution of the matter stopped.* July 8, 1667.

July 6. 103. Frs. Malory to James Hickes. The militia and volunteer
Pensbrooke. troop, under command of Sir Erasmus Phillipps, quartered in the town on Thursday, and have marched with 100 horse to the Nangle, in the entrance of the harbour, where Lieut.-Col. Cuny's company of foot and Capt. Walter Vaughan's company met them, and on the other side of the harbour, the county troop, in which many young gentlemen rode as volunteers.

July 6. 104. Frs. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

July 6. 105. Rich. Browne to Williamson. On Wednesday last, at 11 a.m.,
4 a.m., Aldborough. the Dutch fleet of 80 sail landed 4,000 men and three culverins at Filstow, crept on their hands a great way with ladders, and attempted Landguard Fort, but were beaten off, leaving their ladders and two dead, but carrying off the wounded; only three foot companies engaged them, and no horse; they carried off their dead and wounded and culverins in the night, and by morning were all aboard again; one Fleming was killed with a cheese under his arm. On Thursday they anchored in Aldborough Bay, and then

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sailed southward, leaving only nine ships in the bay. Last night 18 were seen. They have advice and provision yachts coming to them daily; they make false fires every night. Complains that the labels are taken off the expresses, and that they are sent by the common mail; also that twice a week, the mail for London is kept four or five hours at Ipswich. The postmasters send away as they list, and will never mind unless well punished.
- July 6. 106. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The Dutch are under sail
6 A.M. southward; a further attempt up the river is feared. Last night
Aldborough. an alarm was raised, and horse and foot ran to arms, because four boats were spied, and would not discover themselves when challenged; but it was only a Yarmouth boat sent to Harwich for news.
- July 6. 107. John Bower to James Hickey. The fleet of laden colliers
Bridlington. has passed, having cleared the coasts of the small pickeroons that troubled them. Only one miscarried, and that was a bad sailer; it was chased into Bridlington Road under the fort, and there secured. The three frigates from the Humber have put to sea. Wonders to hear nothing of Sir Jeremy Smith.
- July 6. 108. Col. Ant. Gilby to Williamson. Wonders to hear nothing
Hull. of Sir Jeremy Smith. Two prizes laden with Norway wood have lately come into Newcastle; 200 laden colliers have passed southwards. Hears the Dutch are coming northwards; is in better condition to receive them, the works to the river being well repaired.
- July 6. 109. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. A laden fleet of 200 colliers
Hull. was mistaken for Sir J. Smith's fleet. They are mostly for Lynn, and have come without convoy; many of them having guns, they kept off two privateers.
- July 6. 110. J. Haysham, jun., to James Hickey. On appearance of 40
Weymouth. sail in the West Bay, the town company and those companies that were in the town were presently in a posture of defence. The Deptford went to see what they were, and found them to be the Straits' fleet and some coasters from Plymouth. The Duke of Richmond's troop came from Dorchester on the alarm; the troops returned on finding they were only English, but the Duke still remains; the company were soon in posture, with a cheerful heart, to engage the enemy, had there been occasion. Is writing on a drum-head in the field, where the town company is waiting for his Grace.
- July 6. 111. C. S[awtell] to Edm. Sawtell. The Duke [of Richmond],
Weymouth. having seen 60 sail from the top of Ridgway, hastened down, made no stay in Weymouth, but speeded to Portland to have a full view of them. Meanwhile the country militia came together in a sudden and wonderful manner, showing "much magnanimity, and resolved courage against French and Papists, which is indeed generally the country's great obstacle;" but the fleet proved to be victuallers from Plymouth and other ports. The Duke returned and lodged in

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the town, and is now going to Dorchester; the rest of the militia, whose turn is not at the seaports, are returned to their places. The fortifying of the town continues.

July 6.
Lyme.

112. Anth. Thorold to [Williamson]. A gentleman living near has reported to Council that June 15, being the day on which, 22 or 23 years since, Prince Maurice raised the siege of Lyme, was kept as a day of rejoicing, private meetings held, and much feasting and shooting of small guns. Sir John Strode and Col. Bishop, deputy lieutenants, were sent to make enquiries, but the informer could not prove any point of his charge, which was mainly false. Has lived seven years in the town, and known the day kept by some inconsiderable persons putting on their best clothes, and eating roast meat, but not countenanced by the magistrates. Forty sail have passed eastward from Plymouth.

July 6.
Harwich.

113. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Several Dutchmen slain are cast up by the sea on the shore, and two washed bare that were buried in the sand. The Roebuck came from London over the Spitts, and found all clear from the river. The Dutch move between the Gunfleet and Sledway. When they assaulted the fort, they deridingly cried "Peace, peace." Has little faith in a peace; the humour of that people is insolent, and the little they have got puffs them too high to comply with reason. Guns are said to be heard about Aldborough. The Duke of York is still at Harwich, and is gone to Landguard Fort; he will return if he finds the Dutch have landed about Aldborough. The chief surgeon has distributed the 3*l*. ordered last by Williamson for the wounded seamen, and it was received with many thanks and prayers. [1½ pages.]

July 6.
Chester.

114. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. The Earls of Ossory and Cork have landed at Beaumaris from the Dartmouth. Lord Ossory has gone for Whitehall, but intended to stay some time at Bresby, if the Earl of Chesterfield be at home. The coasts are free from pirates. The militia have appeared very handsomely, and when the drums beat for volunteers, the brave young fellows flock together to strive who shall first enter the service.

July 6.
Chester.

115. Sir G. Shakerley to Williamson. Lord Ossory arrived Thursday 9 p.m., and Friday 7 a.m. left for Stone, thence to Lord Chesterfield's and London; Lord Cork is with him. Chester Castle is sick and wants a remedy to its distemper in the repairs being done.

July 6.
Bristol.

116. Sir Mau. Berkeley to Williamson. Mr. Hall, his captain lieutenant, has laid down his commission when there is most need of an officer. Wants a new blank commission, having two gentlemen of equal merit striving for it. Lord Arlington's letter empowering him to choose a lieutenant would be sufficient; none will refuse to act on that warrant till he has a commission from Lord Ormond. Several rogues tampering in the country will be secured by his militia troop.

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S. P. M.
Chatham.

117. John Conny to Williamson. Did not believe a report that six or seven Holland men-of-war were in the buoy of the Nore, but a Holland seaman, who had long lurked in Hastow marshes, with 20 others left behind when the Dutch were last in the river, surrendered through hunger, and reports that they intend a second attempt on Chatham, and have had several fire-ships sent them, and many land soldiers. A soldier of Sir Rob. Holmes's company slew another in a trifling quarrel. [*1½ pages.*]

July 6.
Newcastle.

118. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Lord Ogle's regiment of foot has been mustered by Mr. Bolton, and five companies of Sir John Lucas's; men could be had for four or five regiments, were there but pay. The Dutch squadron is reported to be gone northward.

July 6.
Deal.

119. Ri. Watts to Williamson. There have been 13 or 14 of the Dutch fleet near the North Foreland; hopes to give them as good a welcome as they are reported to have had at Sheerness.

July 6.

Letter to the Treasury Comrs. to give order to the farmers of Customs for landing seven cases of wrought silk, two of vermicelli, two looking glasses, and two marble tables, duty free, for the King's use. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 251.*]

July 6.
Whitehall.

The King to Prince Rupert. Wishes the Medway to be fortified in case of any return of the enemy, and orders him to go to Rochester, Chatham, Sheerness, and such other places as are necessary, and give directions for the perfecting of all works for the security of the river, and for disposal of the forces to be employed there, according to such directions as he has already received personally; also charging the Earl of Middleton, lieutenant general of Kent, the officers employed in the yards at Chatham by the Mayor and Common Council of London, and all soldiers, workmen, &c., to obey his directions. [*Ent. Book 17, pp. 251-2.*]

[July 6.] 120. Draft of the above. [*1½ pages.*]July [6]. 121. Another draft; corrected [by Lord Arlington]. [*2 pages.*]July 6. Post warrant for — Boneker to Edinburgh. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 500.*]

July 6. Warrant to the Earl of Anglesey, treasurer of the Navy, to pay 300*l.* to the Navy Comrs. for the weighing the ships lately sunk at Woolwich and Blackwall, and 300*l.* to Thomas Middleton, Navy Comr. at Portsmouth, for wages of seamen and workmen. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 503.*]

July 6. 122. Draft of the above.

July 6. 123. Warrant to Sir Stephen Fox, paymaster of the forces, to pay the above-named moneys to the Navy Treasurer.

July 6. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 503.*]

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July 6. Warrant to the Treasury Comrs. to change a tally for 1,857*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* on the receivers of the Royal aid for Yorkshire to one for 157*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, to the end that a former tally of 1,700*l.* for Sir George Carteret, which was by mistake paid by Walter Strickland, receiver, into the Exchequer, may now be discharged. [*Ent. Book* 23, pp. 504–5.]
- July 6. Presentation of Samuel Bold to the rectory of Litterworth, *alias* Lutterworth, co. Leicester. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 27, f. 2b.]
- July 6.
London. 124. Sir Wm. Warren to Williamson. Wants an order for delivery of the ship Crown Malaga, promised by the King to his brother; he hopes no further delay, and will be grateful for it, though it cost 40*l.*
- July 7.
Berwick. 125. M. Scott to Williamson. Two Danish hoys, laden with ballast, have been brought in from Eyemouth in Scotland, whither they were sent by Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron. All is quiet there.
- July 7.
Dartmouth. 126. John Lindsey to Williamson. The Straits' fleet of 36 sail has come into port; sent to warn them that the enemies waited for them, on which they tacked and came into harbour. Their convoy left them off the southward cape.
- July 7. 127. John Lindsey to James Hickey. To the same effect.
- July 7.
Portsmouth. 128. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. Sir Phil. Honeywood sends thanks for the two ensigns' commissions for Portsea Island. An Ostender has come in with goods for Portsmouth. A fleet of 30 or 40 merchantmen and other vessels has reached the Needles, under convoy of two frigates, which have left them and gone to sea. There is an alarm that the Dutch and French intend to meet; hopes they will be so entertained as to be weary of any attempt.
- July 7.
Portsmouth. 129. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Lord Gerard has been two or three days visiting the fortifications at Southampton, the Isle of Wight, &c.; in a few weeks he will have got Portsmouth made strong and secure. Ten merchant ships that were at Plymouth have come in; it is good news that the ships draw home so well, these dangerous times.
- July 7.
Dover. 130. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. No postmaster in the road is so obstinate as Mr. Rouse, who is Foster's son-in-law. Mr. Coventry landed last night in a Dutch man-of-war sent express; it is hoped that he has brought peace; it is reported that the States have sent to cause their fleet to desist from further designs on the coast; also that the Dutch have taken Surinam.
- July 7.
Falmouth. 131. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. Sir John Arundel's troop still remains at Helstone, and the three companies at Penzance, and three more are to come into Penrhyn. Sir Arthur Bassett has come down to the country, and will soon raise his regiment, but men were backward in coming before they knew their officers. Lord Arundel has been at Helstone two or three days, and active to put the country in a posture of defence. The Panther privateer

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has gone out of the harbour. Capt. Saddleton with his privateer has taken prizes, and his men have got so much plunder that most of them left him, saying they had got enough to live on shore. He proffers nothing but gold for men to go with him.

July 7.
The Cock,
London Wall.

132. Chr. Curwen to Williamson. Excuses his former request, which was thought unreasonable. As it is the greatest felicity and glory of persons raised to dignity to help their relations and acquaintance, entreats assistance for his release, having been a month in restraint for 15*l*. Asks the loan of 5*l*. or 6*l*., to which others will add; hopes soon to repay it. Is sure it would be granted if Williamson loved him as he did at 10 to 13 years of age. Begs it for the sake of the memory of Sir Patricius Curwen, Dr. Smith, Williamson's mother, or for Jesus Christ's sake. [2 pages.]

July 7.
Margate.

133. John Smith to Williamson. Five Flemings still continue riding there, one vice-admiral and one rear-admiral, but have not attempted to do hurt. A galliot has been sent to them from the fleet.

July 7.
7 P.M.
Harwich.

134. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Yesterday the Dutch fleet drew off about Bardsey Sands; the Duke of York and others judged that they stood easterly. Of 150 laden colliers which went to Yarmouth, the Dutch only picked up one. Hears they are ordered to draw up in harbour under the town; hopes it will be well defended in case of attempt. The Duke of York has twice been at church to day. Sir Wm. Coventry is at Harwich.

July 7.
Plymouth.

135. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The Sorlings has gone to cruise in the Soundings, and several ships have sailed eastward; 10 of the Straits' fleet have come in; the rest, being 40 sail with convoys, passed by and are hoped to be in Portsmouth. No capers have been heard of lately.

July 7.
Plymouth.

136. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. There have 30 ships sailed eastward, under convoy. Five merchant ships from the Straits reported that the Straits' fleet of 40 sail, without convoy, had passed the port. Sent an express to the deputy-vice-admiral at Dartmouth, to inform them of their great danger, requesting them to put into the first port they make.

July 7.
Plymouth.

137. John Clarke to James Hickey. Seven of the Straits' fleet have arrived; they advised that 42 sail more have passed by, whereon Sir Thos. Allin sent an express to Dartmouth to stop the said fleet, which is now at Dartmouth.

July 7.
Plymouth.

138. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect; will follow his directions in writing more frequently. The express sent by Sir Thos. Allin to stop the Straits' fleet reached the sternmost ship, which shot three guns, and stopped the fleet; pilots were sent out to bring them in. The people were in arms on sight of the fleet, thinking it to be French, till Sir Thos. Allin's letter undeceived them.

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Plymouth. 139. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The Straits' fleet of 40 sail has passed by. Two ships were sent out to give them news of the Dutch fleet lying to the eastward, but could not come up with them. Doubts the miscarriage of letters, not having received a reply to his last. Several frigates are expected in, not having above a fortnight's victuals; the want of petty warrant will be a loss to His Majesty, as it would prevent men running away, and filling the hospitals. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 7.
The Hoop. 140. Sir Wm. Jennings to the Navy Comrs. If a warrant has not been granted to the person he recommended, desires one for Mr. Gardner, he being a known able man. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Encloses,
140. 1. *William Gardner to Capt. Rich. Haddock, Commander of the Portland, at Gravesend. Understands the Sapphire is void of a master, and that he has proposed him to Sir Wm. Jennings. Wants a warrant which would enable him to travel on the road without molestation, and excuse his neglecting a public employment which he holds in Dover, and which, as there is no profit attending it, he might be supposed to slight, in going without giving some reasonable account. Dover, June 26, 1667.*
- July 7.
Portsmouth. 141. Thos. Eastwood to the Navy Comrs. The trees are felled and the hewers at work in the New Forest, but has no money to pay for either. A great deal is due to the carters for the carriage of the last year's timber, and now is the time for carrying, the ways being good, but the men are so disheartened that, without speedy payment, they will give up the business. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 8. 142. J. Sotherne to Sam. Pepys. Sir Edw. Spragg desires a list from the paymaster of what men of the fire-ships are paid, and what money remains, that such men as are on board and unpaid may be satisfied; presumes it will not amount to 600*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 8. 143. Capt. Wm. Upcher to the Navy Comrs. Asks for the situation vacant by the death of Mr. Tooker. Hopes the wounds lately received under Sir Christopher Mings, and the loss of all his estate, after the fire upon Tower Wharf, may the more induce them to befriend him. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- [July 8.]
[Whitehall.] 144. Petition of Sir James Bunce to the King, that the needful tallies may be struck for his receipt of 4,000*l.*, granted him in part of a debt of 5,776*l.*, from the duty of 5*s.* per ton on French shipping, farmed by Alderman Bucknall and Company, as Sir Jas. Smyth and his other creditors press him; also that the other 1,776*l.* may be assigned to him on the hearth-money, so that he may rebuild his burnt houses and support himself and family.
- July 8. Reference of the above petition to the Treasury Comrs. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 254.*]

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July 8. Commission to Lord Berkeley of Stratton to be lieutenant general of all the militia and other forces aggregated in cos. Suffolk. Whitehall. Cambridge, and Isle of Ely. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 173.*]
- July 8. Passes for three ship-masters, Portuguese, Estevano Costa, Pedro de Carvalho, and Manuel Costa, with their ships to Portugal. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 506.*]
- July 8. Blank pass for a ship to any port in France or Spain. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 506.*]
- July 8. Pass for Jean Baptist Coureur and Simon Choisin, merchants, into Ireland. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 506.*]
- July 8. Pass for Pierre Fourdin and his wife to France. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 506.*]
- July 8. Pass for Anthony Stewart to Flanders and to return. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 506.*]
- July 8. Pass for the Three Companions of David from Exeter to France. Whitehall. and back, to take in salt, which is much needed, at request of — Sparke, merchant of Exeter. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 236.*]
- July 8. Warrant for a grant of pardon to John Viscount Mordaunt of all treasons, misdemeanors, &c., with restitution of lands and goods. Whitehall. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 25.*]
- July 8. 145. John Frederick to Williamson. Sends letters for Lord London. Arlington, received from the post-house; they refused to deliver the letters Saturday or yesterday. Better orders should be given; it is no use his lordship's letters being sent under his cover, if they must lie two or three days at the post office.
- July 8. 146. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Two vessels which came Hull. without company from Newcastle saw no Holland capers, and heard nothing of Sir Jeremy Smith, nor of the men-of-war that left the Humber.
- July 8. 147. Col. S. Titus to Lord Arlington. This morning the body of 3 P.M. the Dutch fleet appeared on the back of the sands; they lay all the Deal Castle. ebb at anchor, but are expected at Deal or Dover with the flood.
- July 8. 148. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The Dutch ship that brought over 3 P.M. Mr. Coventry is to wait five days for his return. The captain, on the Deal. the Dutch fleet's appearing, begged orders to weigh, as he came in peace, and will probably fall into the small Downs. Col. Titus has sent for several companies of horse and foot, and is now in the field with them. The Dutch are away, but the pilots say they stand northward.
- July 8. 149. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The Dutch fleet of 30 sail has 4 P.M. been in the Narrows since 5 a.m., and is now under sail, steering as Dover. though for the Sands, so it is thought they will not attempt anything this tide. They have caused a fresh alarm, so that town and country are in arms. The Earl of Oxford, Lord Middleton, and the

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country bands are expected, for it is reported that the Dutch have a particular design against Dover. The *Paradox* has taken a supposed prize, laden with rosin and goats' skins from Lyons, bound for Holland.

July 8.
Yarmouth.

150. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Sir Wm. Doyley's and Sir John Holland's regiments have marched out of town, and Sir Ralph Hare's has come in. Lord Townshend has come from Norwich by water, accompanied by Lord Richardson and several other knights and gentlemen.

July 8.
Woolwich.

151. Capt. Edw. Bennett to Williamson. Wants his brother Arlington's order for Mr. Pett's sister to visit him in the Tower; she does not desire to talk to him in private.

July 8.
Whitehall.

152. Warrant from Lord Arlington to the Lieutenant of the Tower to allow Mrs. Pett to have access to Peter Pett, prisoner there, and discourse with him in presence of his keeper.

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153. [News from Holland]. It was resolved yesterday that forces should be sent to keep Sheppey Island; commissions were given out, and the troops were ready to march, but are stayed on news that the Dutch have quitted it. At Breda, the business is so far advanced that the English have relinquished their pretensions to the ships, *Henry Bonaventure* and *Good Hope*. The matter sticks only at *Polemon*; the States have resolved not to part with it, though the English should have a right to it. Fire-ships are still fitting out, and the militia goes on.

July 8.

154. R. Russell, [Bishop of Portollegro, Portugal], to Williamson. The poor men of the carvels are there on charges, and much desire to be gone; begs Lord Arlington's letter that they be not hindered at Gravesend. Endorsed "Bp. Russell."

July 8.
Gravesend.

155. Sir J. Griffith to Williamson. Hears of scandalous reports prejudicing his reputation; wishes the world disabused by a note in the next Gazette of his present condition; viz. that in 14 days the fortifications of Tilbury Fort are made all new, and all things else well provided; the same of the fort of Gravesend, and the new-made line; that on both sides 80 guns are planted, sufficient to hinder an attempt on the river. The King has been satisfied with his behaviour, as Lord Arlington has signified by letter, yet his reputation is blasted through England. The enemy is about the North Foreland. [2 pages.]

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156. Memorandum by Sir J. Griffith to give Lord Arlington an account of the posture he is in, trying to prevent an attempt of which he was advised, to burn the place; also to request orders for passing two Swedish and a Bilboa ship which he has stayed, but which press much to be gone, and cannot be hindered without order.

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July 9. 1. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Mr. Rycant. Arrival of the
Dover. Flanders mail sent from Deal, and despatch of the expresses. The
Holland fleet at Dover caused him and others to be in arms all
night, expecting their landing hourly.
- July 9. 2. John Bower to James Hickey. Three prizes have been taken
Bedlington. by Prince Rupert's frigate, the Panther, one on the Norway coast;
she spoke with several frigates, &c., but met with no capers. Nothing
is heard of Sir Jeremiah Smith, nor seen of the Dutch fleet.
- July 9. 3. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The Kent frigate has arrived,
Newcastle. and the captain began to press seamen, and had got 18, but Lord
Carlisle, wishing to keep the men on board the ships for their
security, would not allow him to press any more there, and sent to
the mayor to furnish the captain with what men he needed. A
large fire-ship will be ready in a few days. Lord Ogle is sending
two of his companies to Sunderland; he keeps his men in good
order.
- July 9. 4. John Clarke to James Hickey. Two colliers from Wales saw
Plymouth. no enemy in the Severn nor on the coasts. The Mermaid and Victory
met an Amsterdam vessel, employed by the Swedish ambassador to
fetch salt from France, and dismissed her, she having the Duke of
York's pass.
- July 9. 5. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.
- July 9. 6. Jo. Lyndsey to Williamson. Is ordered by the governor to
Dartmouth. say that he has secured all the Straits' fleet, and made such fortifi-
cations that he fears no attempt of the enemy.
- July 9. 7. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Sends a list of ships which
Portsmouth. have arrived there, and are bound for London, *Encloses*,
- July 9. 7. *List of 17 ships arrived at Portsmouth. 7 July 1667.*
- July [9 ?] 8. John Maurice to James Hickey. Complains of the Taunton
Minehead. post-woman's charging 3*d.* for Williamson's letter. The fleet has
come home under convoy, laden with Irish cattle, and is returning
for more. Some Dutch ships were reported to be in Milford Haven,
and the Welsh beacons were fired. With note [by Hickey] that he
has written to Taunton about payment of the letter.
- July 9. 9. Sir Edm. Wyndham to Williamson. Through Lord Angle-
sey's miscarriage, Mrs. Morgan has been put to almost as much
trouble and expense as her business is worth. The fees for passing
the warrant now renewed were paid to Mr. Godolphin, at Oxford;
begs their remission now, on account of the gentlewoman's poverty.
- July 9. 10. Gilbert Thomas to Lord Arlington. On June 21st last, was
Chalk, near Gravesend. dismissed, with his party of horse, by the Duke of Albemarle, and
forced to enlist under Lord Craven for maintenance. Marched
June 28 to Gravesend, which obstructed him in the apprehending

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of Middleton. On June 30th, asked leave to go to London to apprehend Middleton, but his lordship could not spare him. On the 8th instant, received the enclosed from Sir Roger Langley, and cannot wait till further order from my lord. Will do service if leave can be obtained.

July 9.
Tower.

11. Sir J. Robinson to Williamson. Has told the King what the Lord Mayor and aldermen left to him, in ordering the business they undertook for Sheerness; begged his leave to go down and tell Prince Rupert that whatever he commanded in men and materials should be bought with ready money. Wants an order to constitute Capt. Rainsford his deputy in his absence.

July 9.
Dartmouth.

12. Wm. Hurt to Williamson. Sends a list of the Straits' fleet; their captains have assisted in strengthening the harbour, by raising batteries and planting guns. Supposes some hemp and brimstone on the fleet will be on the King's account. *Encloses,*

12. 1. *List of 40 ships of the Straits' fleet, with their several ludiugs, arrived in Dartmouth Harbour, with 392 guns and 720 men; also a vessel from Venice, bound for London, with wine and fruit. [3 pages.] July 7, 1667.*

July 9.
Plymouth.

13. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The express he sent to Dartmouth to stop the Straits' fleet of 42 sail from passing through the Channel, came in good time, and they are safe at Dartmouth, and will remain there till orders from London. The Mermaid and Victory have put their convoys into the Needles.

July 9.
6 A.M.
Aldborough.

14. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Six of the enemy's men-of-war are in the bay, and two victuallers have come to them; boats are passing between their ships and the lighthouse; the place is well provided if they attempt to land. Has written to Mr. Hickes about the neglect of the Ipswich postmaster, in not dispatching expresses, but taking off the labels and sending them by the mails.

July 9.
Harwich.

15. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Roebuck and Francis have come in from the Thames, and found the coast clear. It was only 80, not 150 colliers that reached Yarmouth; the rest dropped into other ports. The Dutch fleet has been seen cruising, but is now seven leagues off. Their movements are uncertain; sometimes they are before Aldborough, sometimes Southwold. The Gazette gives no account of the peace, which is in everybody's mouth; the Duke of York and nobility are preparing to leave.

July 9.
Langward
Point Fort.

16. Capt. Nath. Darell to Williamson. Could not give account of occurrences as early as those at Harwich who were spectators, and will not reiterate it. Will be careful to give notice of what happens there. Has to write by another's hand, on account of his arm.

July 9.
Dover.

17. J. C[arlisle] to Williamson. The Dutch fleet has sailed southward without firing a gun; there are 50 sail, and a squadron lies about the Long Sands, six of which lay before Margate yesterday, and hung out a white flag; a trained band officer went on

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board, was kindly treated, and told it was peace. The French are set down before Ypres, and a French privateer of Dunkirk took the vessel under Capts. Newport and Fane, which took in soldiers to be transported to Ostend.

July 9.
Margate.

18. John Smith to Williamson. Five Dutch men-of-war still continue off the North Foreland, and four more joined them. They sent a boat and vessel with a white flag, to say that if the fishermen would come out and let them buy fish, they might fish without interruption; but the officers will not suffer the fishermen to go whilst the Dutch are on the coast. The rest of the Dutch are in Dover Road.

July 9.
Edinburgh.

19. Rob. Mein to Williamson. Lieutenant Patton killing a messenger who had discovered several of the Whigs, the country rose against him, which gave rise to a false report that the rebels were up in arms again, but they are sensible enough of their late madness. A quarrel arose between the general's followers and the town guard of Leith; two of the latter were killed and 20 wounded, and the general had to come to pacify matters.

July 9.

20. Petition of Sir Stephen Fox, paymaster of the land forces, to the King, for an order to Sir Jordan Crosland to deliver to him 900*l.* of militia money of the North Riding of Yorkshire, kept in an iron chest under five keys in Scarborough Castle; this money he is appointed to receive, but Crosland declines to give it up without an express order from Lord Fauconberg, the Lord Lieutenant, which the latter refuses to give. *Annexing,*

20. I. *Viscount Fauconberg to Sir Stephen Fox. Thus sent Sir Jordan Crosland four of the five keys [of the iron chest], he having the fifth, and requested him to deliver the money; but he refuses to give it out, except in the presence of the person who saw it put in. Never signed orders for public money, but left it to three deputy lieutenants, according to law; an order to the governor only can fetch it out. Sends the muster of his new-raised troop, and asks payment for it.* July 2, 1667.

20. II. *Sir Jordan Crosland to Sir Stephen Fox. Fauconberg would give up the keys, but will not give him an order. Desires that his lordship may be ordered to give a discharge, and will then deliver the money; begs that it may be sent with speed, before he comes up to the Parliament.* July 5, 1667.

July 9.

Reference to the Treasury Comrs. on the petition of Joshua Greathead for 972*l.* due to him by disbursement. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 252.*]

July 9.

21, 22. Examination of Chris. Mansell, on his letter to Hugh Parry, of June 15. The great business named is that he is solicitor for the ship *Alexander* of Bristol, worth 10,000 crowns; the great men named who cannot go safely about the streets are Comr. Pett

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1667. and Sir George Carteret; the report that Lord Bristol could see before other's eyes were open related to the Dutch fleet; the B. stands for bishops; was put into Ilchester gaol on suspicion of robbery, but discharged. [*Two papers, one being an abstract with queries.*]
- July 9. Warrant to the Master, &c. of the Watermen's Company to impress 200 watermen, to be sent in the Diamond to the Hope, for defence of the Thames, paying each 1s. press money, which with their transport charges, will be reimbursed by the Navy Comrs. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 507.*]
- July 9. Warrant for leave of absence to Sir John Robinson, Lieutenant of the Tower, and approval of his giving the command of the Tower to Lieut. Francis Rainsford during his absence. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 508.*]
- July 9. 23. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. Hopes they received
Leith. his letter, with George Strachan's account and Lord Lauderdale's letter. Remits to them Bond's satisfaction, albeit done in malice against the writers for performance of their orders. If George Strachan did not fulfil his expectations, or alleged want of the galliot's rigging, he must answer for it himself, and repay any damage done; 40 sail of Hollanders are seen off Berwick. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 9. 24. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Sends an account of re-
Ipwich. cepts and issues for June. There is no baking nor brewing. There are several fire and other ships in petty warrant at Harwich, with the colliers which were to be sunk. The Roebuck has come in. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 9. 25. R. Waith to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Soulemon says that the
100*l.* remaining after paying the men belonging to the fire-ships is in Mr. Sheldon's custody. Shall take up the tickets paid by him, and be ready to pay the rest on direction. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 9. 26. Sir Edw. Spragg to Sam. Pepys. Desires assistance for
The Diamond. Mr. Flatman. Asks for some passes or tickets ready sealed, to keep men clear from being impressed.
- July 9. 27. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Comrs. Recommends Mr. Flat-
The Diamond. man, surgeon of the Matthias, for more than ordinary consideration; he lost his chest and clothes on board the ship in the last attempt made by the Dutch at Chatham, and was forced to swim for his life, being much scalded and burnt; he was surgeon to Sir Christopher Mings, and has since been with the writer. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 9. 28. Sir Wm. Jennings to Mr. Shy, master builder, Deptford. Asks
The Sapphires, him to help his carpenter to two others, having none but him and
Hope. his mate on board; his ship wants caulking all over. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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29. Robert Southwell to the Navy Comrs. Lays again before them the indigence and wants of Mr. Chudleigh, that they may enable him to go on with advantage and comfort. He cannot afford to deliver out timber at the rates of the certificate, being forced for want of credit to make Cork his market, where he buys rough and smooth at the second hand, and the freight thence is 10s. a ton. If he had money he would go to the woods and buy first hand, and save half the price, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclosure*,

29. 1. *Certificate by Christopher Sellwood, shipwright, of the prices per ton for timber, from 29s. to 20s. per ton, and of plank from 36s. to 32s.*

July 10.

Dover.

30. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Was prevented sending the last month's account sooner. Several castles have been victualled, which he has inserted in it. Will send the account of warrants and issues, with the receipt of casks, by the next post. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 10.

31. Capt. John Pearce to the Navy Comrs. The Hamburg Merchant is ready to sail; shall fall down the first opportunity to Gallions, where 40 soldiers and some watermen should be sent, as the men pressed ran away. Has neither sword, pistol, nor pike aboard, and Sir John Robinson promised soldiers, but performed not. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 10.

Warrant to Sir Edw. Walker, Garter king, and the other officers at arms, to grant to Henrietta Maria Wentworth, only daughter of Thomas Lord Wentworth, eldest son of Thomas Earl of Cleveland, who died before his father, the same rank and precedence as she would have enjoyed had her father lived to be an earl. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 508-9.*]

[July 10.] 32. Draft of the above. [*1½ pages.*]

July 10.

33. Warrant to the Lieutenant of the Tower to discharge Chris. Birkhead, prisoner, on his taking the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

July 10.

Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 510.*]

July 10.

Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to allow Captain John Walters a third of the proceeds of the prize St. John of Dantzic and its goods, in consideration of his pains in procuring evidence of the condemnation of the goods. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 510.*]

July 10.

Reprieve for — Paris, for murder committed at Guernsey. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 510.*]

July 10.

Whitehall.

Declaration of the King's pleasure, that unless Francis, son of Oliver St. John, before Michaelmas term, procure an appearance for his said father, now beyond seas, a writ of privy seal be issued commanding the return of the said Oliver St. John. The Lord Chancellor and Lords Chief Justices have recommended, this to prevent the obstruction of justice, in their report on a petition of the Duchess of Somerset: she, having after long suit obtained administration of the goods of her brother, the late Earl of Essex, and

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- July 10. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. Recommends
Whitehall. Dr. Copleston, a very able man, for the place of canon residentiary, on the first vacancy after others already recommended. [*Ent. Book 27, f. 2b.*]
- July 10. Order for a warrant to pay to Sir Allan Apaley, treasurer of the
Whitehall. household of the Duke of York, by tallies on the Comrs. of the country excise, 750*l.*, being the Midsummer's quarter's allowance of the sum of 3,000*l.* a year granted to James Duke of Cambridge, and so paid, but which requires a special warrant for its payment, as the Duke died before it became due. [*Ent. Book 26, pp. 12 b, 13.*]
- July 10. 34. J. Carlisle to Williamson. Two French vessels have brought
Dorset. Sir Sam. Tuke, with his coach and horses, from France; he reports peace concluded between France and the Dutch. There is much inquiry about the peace; some say one thing, and some another. Part of the Dutch fleet is off Dungeness, and part off North Foreland.
- July 10. 35. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The Panther has brought
Hull. a prize into Bridlington Bay and taken two more. Lord Belasyse has gone over to Worlaby; not a word is heard of Sir Jer. Smith.
- July 10. 36. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Five more of the laden colliers
Yarmouth. have arrived; they put into the Humber on hearing near the Spurn of a Dutch man-of-war off Fulness. Lord Townshend's new-raised regiment of foot has marched into the town with 10 colours. Lords Townshend and Richardson and other gentlemen have gone to Norwich.
- July 10. 37. Frns. Malory to James Hickey. A privateer chased two
Pembroke. vessels laden with wool from Ireland, took one, and came within a league of the harbour, but set off again on appearance of some of the trained bands. A fleet of 40 sail appeared, which was feared to be the French fleet, but is now thought the Virginia fleet of Bristol.
- July 10. 38. Frns. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.
Milford.
- July 10. 39. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. A fleet of 16 laden colliers,
Falmouth. bound for Fowey and Plymouth, has passed under convoy of a privateer, to whom they each gave 20*s.* to convoy them. There is much rejoicing in expectation of a speedy and happy peace.
- July 10. 40. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the
Falmouth. preceding and his letter of the 7th instant.
- July 10. 41. M. Gravier to [Lord Arlington]. Fears he has not received
Windsor Castle. his letters; begs his liberty, so as to be able to act for the [French] prisoners. It would be unjust for another to have to act in the things for which he is accountable. [*2 pages, French.*]

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Near Sheerness. on the Prince for Sheerness, forgot to tell the Ordnance Comrs. that
590 palisadoes are needed for the fort on the Essex side, 50 standards
and 25 supporters to secure the magazine at Gravesend, with 700
feet of list wood to bind them together; the blockhouse at Graves-
end should be lined with earth 12 feet broad and 6 high. [Damaged.]
- July 10. 43. John Bettson to Lord [Arlington]. Has been to the house
where Middleton lodged, and his landlady says he died on Saturday.
Received 10*l.* from Williamson on the taking of Capt. Mason and
Smallridge; 60*l.* was given for Atkinson, and Mason is more con-
siderable; will be satisfied with 40*l.* and his lordship's favour.
Offers further service.
- July 11. 44. W. L[eving] to Lord Arlington. Being without hopes of
Newgate. employment, went to visit some friends in Leicestershire, without
design of prejudice; fell into ill company and offended, but not
hurting any man's person, and thus got into prison; there lighted
on a person of good descent and estate, who is willing to lay aside
his business and be the King's agent, not from fear or necessity, but
conscience; he can discover any treachery, and either foreign or
domestic conspiracy. Wishes the Lord Chief Justice would be
satisfied to free the writer without removing him; but if he have to
go, trusts to his lordship to bring him off. Has no adversaries but
Justice White.
- July 11. 45. Certificate by Lord Chamberlain Manchester that John Cheke
is admitted and sworn Chemist in Ordinary, and is not to be arrested
without his lordship's leave, nor to bear any public office, nor be im-
pannelled on any jury, whereby he may excuse neglect in his service.
[Copy.]
- July 11. 46. John Bower to James Hickey. The Kent has come in from
Bridlington. Leith, leaving there five or six prizes, and the Hampshire from
Norway, where she took two deal prizes, but sent them home, and
has never heard of them since. Sir George Saville's troop is quar-
tered in town, and Sir Rob. Hildyard's at Hornsea. The fort is in
good condition.
- June 11. 47. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. All are on guard, being
Portsmouth. told that the Dutch fleet is in Dover Road; all hands are securing
the place to give them a handsome entertainment, should they make
an attempt. Asks news about the grand affair of the treaty.
- July 11. 48. John Conny to Williamson. The bottom of the Royal James
Chatham. is got afloat, and those of the Loyal London and Royal Oak soon
will be so. Many men are at work to put Sheerness in a posture
of defence, and a boom is being fitted over the river by Upnor
Castle, which, with the good fortifications, will leave nothing to
fear.
- July 11. 49. Rich. Browne to Williamson. A Dutch vice-admiral and
4 A.M. five men-of-war riding at anchor have put out a white flag. The
Aldborough Earl of Suffolk has dismissed all the horse and foot; does not know

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why, for the Dutch are still on the coasts, and two shallops laden with men might destroy the town. The people are much disheartened by the soldiers withdrawing.

July 11.
Harwich.

50. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Fourteen of the Dutch fleet were seen off Aldborough, are standing into the Sledway, and might be attacked with a single squadron. The Duke of York left on Tuesday at 10 a.m., recalled by express on account of the treaty; all have been very proud of his presence. The confidence of a peace is strangely bold. Begs remembrance when the post stages and packet boats are settled.

July 11.
Harwich.

51. Jo. Quin to Williamson. The enemy has appeared with 13 or 14 ships. On command of the Duke of York, the Lord Lieutenant still keeps his own regiment of the militia, and the deputy lieutenants have provided and sent moneys for their maintenance awhile longer. Harwich has received an addition of strength, both in its lines and batteries, from the Duke's presence, so that it is to be wished that the enemy would attempt such another exploit as they offered last week. Two of the ships sunk on their attack are afloat again, and the other two buoying up; that expedient of defence, being judged useless, will be practised no more.

July 11.
Newcastle.

52. Rich. Forster to James Hiekes. Thanks for his sober and sweet letter, which had more credit than the flashing stories which almost every letter brought last post. Heard Lord Carlisle read a letter, which says that there are great hopes of peace, but no absolute conclusion yet; all there are mad for peace.

July 11.
Newcastle.

53. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Lord Carlisle has sent the Kent to cruise near, and goes on securing the harbour, in spite of the news of peace. The laden fleet of colliers has got safe into the ports.

July 11.
Deal.

54. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Mr. Coventry, the plenipotentiary, has arrived; he was received by the trained band and yellow company under Governor Titus' command, nobly entertained at Deal Castle, and soldierly guarded on board the Dutch boat that came for him, Col. Titus seeing him on board; the castle gave him 11 guns, and the company three volleys of shot and three shouts; he sent them two pieces to drink. Some speak of war, and some say peace is concluded.

July 11.
Woolwich.

55. Capt. Edw. Bennett to Williamson. There is a mistake in the warrant; the name should be Mrs. Acworth, not Mrs. Pett; this prevented her seeing her brother.

July 11.

The King to Lord Fanconberg. Repeats his former commands for payment of the remainder of the militia money of his lieutenancy in Yorkshire to Sir Stephen Fox, paymaster of the new raised forces; wishes Sir Jordan Croeland, Governor of Scarborough, in whose hands the money is, to pay it over without further delay. [*Ent Book 20, p. 174.*]

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July 11. Commission for the Earl of Ogle to be Governor of the town and port of Newcastle-[on-Tyne]. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 175.*]
- July 11.
Whitehall. Warrant to the Lord Warden, Ranger, and Keepers of Waltham Forest, to allow no deer to be killed nor hunted there for three years, except by the Royal hounds. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 24 b.*]
- July 11.
Whitehall. Pass, on request of certain English merchants, for the St. Bartholomew from Bourdeaux to Tangiers and back. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 25.*]
- July 11. Note that Thos. Milbourne, printer, was discharged from the Gatehouse, to which he was committed for printing unlicensed books, on recognizance of Roger Daniel, printer, and Randall Taylor, stationer, in 100*l.* for his appearance on summons. [*Ent. Book 28, p. 1.*]
- July 11.
St. James's. 56. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Will send another purser to the Hamburg Merchant. Desires discharge of the vessel taken up to carry packets to and from Holland. Has written for orders for the powder and ammunition of the Little Victory to be secured on shore. His Royal Highness will recall Lord Brouncker, when the spring [tides] are over. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 11.
The Diamond. 57. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Comrs. Desires the merchantmen and the stores for the fire-ship to be sent down; also a list of what men have been paid, and the money for those not paid, who will not stir without encouragement. There will be a general want of provisions in three days. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 12.
Dover. 58. Thos. White and Thos. Dawkes to the Navy Comrs. Have agreed to look after the affairs of the Navy there jointly, and to do the business as described, White's distemper preventing his acting alone. Have informed Sir Thomas Teddeman, so that he has not appointed any one else. Will keep the accounts for fitting the fire-ships separate. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 12.
Plymouth. 59. Thos. Melmoth to Thos. Hayter. Asks for a receipt for ships' books sent to the Navy and Treasury offices. The carrier could hardly be persuaded to take them, saying he should not be paid for their carriage, although it came to little. Will not send any more that way unless he has news of their being delivered. The Victory is sailing for Cape Clear, and the Mermaid to convoy 20 sail of colliers for Wales. Asks for more books, or the pursers will have an excuse for their remissness to give what is required. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 12.
Kinsale. 60. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Capt. Stephen Pyend, commander of the *Amity*, with three other frigates, arrived in Galway with five Dutch prizes. The captain has ordered two of his frigates with the prizes to Kinsale, and asks for stores, as his wants are many, and require immediate attention. Mr. Chudleigh, being encouraged by the promise of his bills being passed, will do his best, but that is little till he has credit to draw on in London. The commanders understand from them and Sir Wm. Coventry that at Kinsale are all sorts of supplies, which makes their demands the greater. The *Monk* and *Henrietta* have arrived. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Exeter House. paid on the voluntary present from four dioceses and eight counties
specified, since the times specified. Filled up with the required
amounts.
- [July 12.] 62. Calculation of moneys made for filling up the queries in the
preceding paper. [2 pages.]
- July 12. The King to the Lord Mayor of London. Wishes him to pay
to the Earl of Craven 200*l.*, in addition to the 400*l.* already paid,
for repairs of the forts at Gravesend, to be in part of the 10,000*l.*
promised by the city for works on the Thames and Medway. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 252.*]
- July 12. Pass for 12 horses into France for M. de Louvre, Grand Prior of
France. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 511.*]
- July 12. Order for a warrant to Lord General Albemarle, the Com-
missioners of the Treasury, Officers of the Exchequer, Receivers of
the Royal Aid, and others, to pay to George Pike sums needful for
providing carriages and horses to carry the sums raised upon the
Royal aid in the several counties, up to London, whither they are
ordered to be transmitted, without risk to the receivers thereof; em-
powering them also to continue the solicitors already appointed in
each county for the aid, or to appoint others, and to continue
Sir Hen. Vernon, Sir Wm. Doyley, and Rob. Scawen as resident
corresponding agents in London, or appoint others in their places,
authorizing them to appoint carriages, deputy clerks, grant salaries,
&c. Also, lest the country should be drained of specie by transmis-
sion of all these moneys to London, the Treasury Comrs. are to ap-
point persons resident in London to return money into the country,
by bills of exchange drawn on the county receivers, for which pur-
pose a house is to be hired in London, and proper persons appointed,
the tellers of the Exchequer attending thereon, and the money to
remain in the tellers' hands till the bills of exchange are duly paid.
After this the sums paid in for the Royal aid are to be first issued
on the tallies of assignment of the same. The rent of the house,
salaries of servants, &c., employed on this account are to be paid
from the moneys received. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 511-519.*]
- July [12.] 63. Minute of the above.
- July 12. Privy Seal empowering the Duke of York to deliver the ship
Crown Malaga, now at Portsmouth, to Thomas Warren, merchant of
London, as the King's free gift. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 520.*]
- July 12. Warrant for a congé d'élire to the Archdeacon and Chapter of
Whitchall. Llandaff Cathedral to elect a bishop to the see, void by the death
of Dr. Hugh Lloyd, and recommendation of Dr. Fras. Davies,
archdeacon of Llandaff. [*Ent. Book 27, p. 3.*]
- July 12. 64. John Clarke to James Hickes. There are in port 16 or 18
Plymouth. ships for Ireland, Bristol, and Wales, ready to sail under convoy.
Sir Arthur Bassett has almost completed his regiment, and will
muster them at Colombe, in Cornwall.

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- July 12. 66. Thos. Waade to Williamson. Lord Lieutenant Fauconberg has arrived from viewing Scarborough and the newly erected platform there, the place being well fortified against any attempt. He has taken great pains in viewing Whitby, and by the help of horse and foot ordered to lie there, no attempt of the enemy is to be feared. The captains of four frigates in the road, hearing his lordship's joyful reception by ordnance and shot, came ashore, and his honour went aboard with them, attended by Sir Metcalfe Robinson, Sir Wm. Frankland, and several officers, and was gallantly treated on board the Kent. Sir Jeremy Smith is said to be off the coast of Norway.
- July 12. 67. Sir Thos. Peyton to Williamson. Sends a memorial for Lord Knowlton. Arlington's examination. The consequence of the King's losing his seamen, in whom his strength lies as certainly as did Sampson's in his hair, is seen in the loss of ships that followa. Hopes the whole Channel has advice that the Dutch fleet has gone southward. Wishes the peace may be to the honour of the nation. The loss of the sea and river causes great deadness of commerce. Sees not how the King's Aid is to be raised; the collectors bring complaints of infinite wants among all men.
- July 12. 68. John Smith to Williamson. The Dutch men-of-war still continue at North Foreland, and 40 sail more are seen from Doverward.
- July 12. 69. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Sir Ralph Hare's regiment has marched away, and Lord Richardson's is expected to-morrow. Eight or nine great Dutch men-of-war are off Aldborough, and six or seven more near Southwold.
- July 12. 70. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Lords Ogle and Carlisle are very active in securing the town, and many men come in, more than they can entertain had they to raise twice the number ordered; men are so willing to serve against a proud insulting enemy like the Dutch.
- July 13. 71. Earl of Carlisle to Williamson. Perceives the treaty is likely to be soon concluded, but will be on his guard till all be safe. Wants an order for an old prize boat not worth much, but useful to carry timber for the Navy Comrs. She is damaged by lying. If she is to be sold to him, Lord Widdrington's name must be joined with his; the King will lose nothing by giving it, as in that case he would ask for no allowance; will soon have spent her price, which is not 300*l*.
- July 13. 72. J. Knight to Williamson. Recommends Mr. Grover for a commission as surgeon in Sir Walter Vane's regiment.
- July 13. 73. Sir Geoffrey Shakerley to Williamson. The frigates have brought into Galway four valuable prizes, laden with spices, naval provisions, corn, and salt. News has come by a Barbadoes vessel of 200 homeward-bound sail there, and the retaking of Montserrat by the English, the French and Irish on the island being sent prisoners to Nevis.

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July 13.
Chester.

74. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding. Also, "His Grace" [the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland] is going into Kildare, where there is to be a general muster of the six companies of the King's regiment. Peace is not desired in those parts, unless on honourable terms. All except the old fanatics show cheerfulness to serve the King against all opposers.

July 13.
Bristol.

75. Sir Thos. Langton, mayor of Bristol, and Sir John Knight, to Lord Arlington. Eliz. Calvert, of Little Britain, London, has lately sent to Bristol 50 books concerning the late fire in London and Popish recusants. Have seized some as seditious, and likely to seduce persons against Government. Proceedings should be taken against Mrs. Calvert, who formerly made a trade of sending seditious books to that city, and also against the author and printer. *Enclose,*

75. I. *Eliz. Calvert to Susanna Moore, bookseller, Bristol. Sends her 25 books about the fire, which she thinks will be very acceptable; price 8s. 6d. London, July 4, 1667.*

75. II. *Information of Geo. Clarke, of Bristol. On July 9, bought for 8d., of Michael Thomas, bookseller of Bristol, an account of the informations exhibited to the commissioners of Parliament appointed to enquire into the late dreadful firing of London. Also,*

Examination of Michael Thomas, bookseller. James Light, a Bristol merchant, brought him the book to sell; had it not in his possession half an hour, when he sold it. Also,

Examination of Susanna Moore, of Bristol. Received 50 of the said books from Mrs. Calvert, though not ordered, and has sold them all. [1½ pages.]

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July 13.
Chalk.

76. Gilbert Thomas, provost marshal, to Lord Arlington. On June 21, the Duke of Albemarle dismissed him and his party, and for present relief they were forced to enlist under the Earl of Craven, where they are ready to act, on His Majesty's command or his lordship's warrant.

July 13.
Newcastle.

77. ——— to [Williamson]. Sends a copy of a letter to a lady, written by the town's agent John Rushworth, who often writes seditious letters. The King may look for little obedience so long as such men are agents for corporations.

July 13.
Hull.

78. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Sir Hen. Belasyse has mustered his company, which was very complete. Notices of vessels. The Holland privateer taken is sent to Hull. [1½ pages.]

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July 13. 79. Ant. Thorold to James Hickey. Lord Lieutenant the Duke
Lyme. of Richmond came there, and was handsomely received by the
mayor and his brethren, two companies of troops, one being
volunteers, and a good volley of small shot, as well as by the great
guns; he dined with the mayor, spent the evening with the
captains, and then went to Lord Poulett's.
- July 13. 80. Jon. Mascall to Williamson. Lord Fauconberg has been to
York. view the fortifications of Hull, and all the maritime towns in the
North Riding. Four frigates report that they left Sir Jeremy
Smith's squadron off the coast of Norway, intending for Ireland or
the West of England. A new difference has arisen between the
cathedral doctors and the Lord Mayor, about his seat in the church,
so that he has refused to go to the Minster these three or four
Sundays; this may be of ill consequence unless timely prevented.
- July 13. 81. Lord Geo. Douglas to Williamson. Requests him to send the
Rochester. enclosed to a gentleman who is with Lord Holles at Breda.
- July 13. 82. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The whole Dutch fleet
5 P.M. anchored yesterday about Bardsey Sands, and six great men-of-
Aldborough. war have been eight or ten days off the Ness.
- July 13. 83. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The 14 Dutch vessels about
Harwich. Bardsey Sands have been joined by more, and are now about 60. It
is said they mean to try to regain their honour. The weather for
three days has been exceedingly hot, and the grass is burnt up.
- July 13. 84. Fras. Malory to James Hickey. On the 11th the country was
Milford. alarmed by the appearance of 38 sail. The deputy lieutenants caused
the militia to arm, and a great number of men to draw to the water
side, to defend the country. Sir Erasmus Phillipps' troop and the
county troop, with many young gentlemen riding as volunteers,
were also ready, but the fleet proved to be only cow carriers, bound
for Ireland, which came to anchor in the harbour. The Dartmouth
has passed by Bristol.
- July 13. 85. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.
- July 13. 86. A. Ellis to Williamson. Encloses a letter addressed to Sam.
Cottingham, who cannot be found, and which, Mr. Dorislaus says,
belongs to Williamson. Suggests whether Dorislaus should have so
great a privacy in his affairs. Encloses,
86. I. ——— to Sam. Cottingham. Gives an account of the late
affair at Harwich; 1,200 brave fellows landed under noble
Dolman's command, and did great execution. Though a
party of horse, designed to cut them off, lurked in ambush,
they returned with great honour and booty, 7 men only
being killed, and 17 wounded. De Ruyter, with the main
body, lies before Harwich as lord of the channel, and the
incomparable Lord of Ghent is gone northwards with a
strong squadron; the rest are cruising in the Channel.

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The sooner the King makes peace, the better it will be for him. Some melancholy spirits are dejected at the convening of Parliament, but most resolve to live and die in so honourable a quarrel. [In the same hand as that of June 25 to Custia.] July 1st, 1667.

- July 13. 87. Robt. Stewart to Williamson. Wants the order of Council
Lincoln's Inn. concerning the fort at Lynn.
- July 13. 88. Wm. Leving to Williamson. Hearing that he is to be
Newgate. removed, entreats an answer to his letter to Lord [Arlington].
- July 13. Commissions for John Powell to be surgeon to the Earl of Ogle's
regiment, Groves surgeon to Sir Walter Vane, and Thos. Scale
surgeon to Sir Allan Apsley. Minutes. [Ent. Book 20, p. 174.]
- July 13. Licence for Lady Hatton and Phineas Pett to have access to
Peter Pett in the Tower, from time to time. Minute. [Ent. Book 23,
p. 520.]
- July 13. Warrant to the Justices of Peace of Kent to impress carts and
waggons for the works in hand at Sheerness, according to directions
from Prince Rupert. [Ent. Book 23, p. 520.]
- July 13. 89. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Sends his accounts. Asks whether
Dover. the victualler may have credit for the provisions sent to the castles,
in the same nature with the pursers' indents. [Adm. Paper.]
- July 13. 90. John Purdue to Thos. Hayter. Asks for more blank tickets,
The Lewis frigate. as many men come daily to be entered. Would have come himself,
but has to meet Capt. Perriman and the surveyors at Blackwall.
[Adm. Paper.]
- July? 91. Petition of Thos. Eaton, Thos. Keyes, and other Prisoners
in the Marshalsea to the Navy Comrs, to be redeemed from imprisonment
and restored to their employment; were committed by the
Duke of York, being charged wrongly with carelessness or treachery,
as watchmen in Deptford Yard on the night of the fire. [Adm.
Paper.] *Enclosing,*
91. I to IX. *Examinations of Thos. Eaton, yeoman, and eight
others, all of Deptford, watchmen in Deptford Yard, as to
the time when, and the place where the fire broke out, and
as to its cause.*
91. X. *Addenda to the examination of Thos. Eaton: that there
was no watchman at the place where the fire broke out,
and three less watchmen on duty that night than
usual.*
- July 13. 92. John Cox and three other Officers of the Deptford Yard to
Deptford. the Navy Comrs. Cannot add to nor contradict the several exami-
nations of the watchmen now in custody. The person who should

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have been watchman at the spot where the fire broke out was away ill, and all the labourers were so tired out by hard labour that they refused to accept the place; the other two labourers wanting were sent on board fire-ships to heave ballast. Cannot find the least ground of suspicion that any of those charged should be guilty of it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 13. 93. John Cox and J. Uthwat to the Navy Comrs. Ask for
Deptford. hlocks for the new ship building there; the pulley maker refuses to serve any without an order. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 13. 94. Edw. Rundells to Mr. Turner, at the Navy Office. Asks
Deptford. for a warrant for six labourers to clear the ground for the large house. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 13. 95. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships
Ipswich. named. The Dutch have not made any attempt lately upon Harwich nor Landguard Fort. They lie off about four leagues. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 13. 96. Capt. Leo. Guy to Thos. Hayter. Asks for tickets; has
Dover. turned over several men, and has none to give them. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 13. 97. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comrs. Asks for orders as to
Woolwich. making a new mast for the Henrietta yacht, taken by Prince Rupert to attend him at Sheerness, a New England one sent him proving too weak; also for a supply of deals, or shall be forced to discharge the joiners. Begs leave of absence for three weeks, to go to Tunbridge for his health; if any extraordinary business fall out, will come up and return again. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 13. 98. Thos. Pointer to the Navy Comrs. The ammunition, sails,
Hall. and provisions of the Little Victory will be much prejudiced by not being put ashore, and also the ship itself, as she has much water in her hold, which cannot be got out whilst she is full. A little charge would fit her out, masts, &c., being to be had there at reasonable rates. The Kent and three other frigates are at Scarborough; also three more with two ketches, which have been cruising 13 days. Shall repair to the ships on their coming up, and keep an account of the men on board while they remain there. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 14. 99. Capt. Wm. Coleman to the Navy Comrs. Has been cruising
The Hampshire, six weeks, by order of Sir Jer. Smith, on the coast of Norway. Has
Humber. taken two great flyboats laden with masts and deals; one is at Leith, and the other at Newcastle. Asks for some of the Little Victory's men, and for a supply of victuals, sails, and cordage. Knows not where Sir Jer. Smith is gone, but the Scotch privateer saw him between Shetland and the Orkneys. Notice of ships come into the Humber, with three prizes laden with oil and salt. The captain of the Fanfan is killed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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July 14. 100. Capt. Wm. Coleman to Thos. Hayter. Asks for 50 tickets. The Hampshire, Has transferred several men by order into other ships, and has Humber. some aboard, not fit for service, whom he would discharge. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 14.

London.

101. Extract from the Rotterdam Gazette. Affairs [in England] are growing worse and worse. People cry out for a commonwealth government, and say that England was happier under Cromwell, and gained then an advantage over the Hollanders, which they lose under a king. The sectaries, who are against kingly government, show themselves, and affairs incline to a change. Coals have risen from 12s. to 20s., 40s., 60s., and even 100s., and complaints are great and unspeakable.

July 14.

Warrant from Sec. Morice to the Lieutenant of the Tower to set the Duke of Buckingham at liberty. Minute. [*Ent. Book 28, f. 6.*]

July 14.

Portsmouth.

102. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Yesterday the Dutch fleet of 40 or 50 sail appearing, gave the alarm to Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. Lord Gerard was active in making all ready to receive the enemy; the deputy lieutenants and train bands were all placed in order, and showed much courage; but at 4 p.m. the Dutch stood to the westward, and never came within gunshot. Lord Gerard has secured a man found lying on the beach, out of sight of Southsea Castle, holding a staff with a white cloth, doubtless to induce the Dutch to send a boat for him, and then give them intelligence. One of Lord Gerard's men was killed at a private quarrel, in a drinking tavern. [*1½ pages.*]

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Portsmouth.

103. Charles Honeywood to Williamson. On Friday, shooting was heard from the Isle of Wight, and a great fleet appeared, anchored near Sandham Bay, and made up for Southsea Castle, as though they would have attempted something, but they weighed anchor, and have sailed westward. The Dutch fleet is of 30 men-of-war, 10 fire-ships, and 10 galliots; an English ship was with them, also three admiral flags, two vice-admirals, and two rear-admirals. Lord Gerard is gone to the Isle of Wight, lest anything should be attempted there. Portsmouth was well-guarded and manned, had the enemy designed to land or burn the ships. [*1½ pages.*]

July 14.

Dover.

104. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The Penelope privateer has taken a Middleburg junk, half laden with tin, flax, &c. The custom-house boat has been taken by a Dutch man-of-war, which was on the look-out for wool boats; the master was the same who would not venture on to the Holland coast last year, when our fleet was engaged with the Dutch. Is blamed for passing Mr. Hammond to Nienport without a pass from Court; stayed him three days, and had him examined, but, finding no danger, let him go; he left his horse and watch behind. Would be more secure, and gain more profit, if ordered to let none pass, except by passes from Court. Has been active and careful since the war began, yet old Mr. Jemmet threatens to ruin him

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July 14. 105. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The prize has come, and
Hull. is but a fisher boat, with sick men from the Hampshire. A Scotch
caper saw Sir Jeremiah [Smith's] squadron a month ago, between
Shetland and the Orkneys. Two English privateers have brought in
two prizes of 400 and 300 tons, taken off the coast of Norway. The
Flying Greyhound has taken a prize of 400 tons, laden with sack
and logwood. Notices of other vessels. [1½ pages.]
- July 14. 106. John Clarke to Williamson. The fleet bound for Ireland,
Plymouth. Bristol, and Wales has put to sea, with two convoys. Sir Thos.
Allin has sent an express to St. Ives, for Capt. Scott of the Victory,
who is to touch there.
- July 14. 107. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. The troops are gone from
Falmouth. Helstone, their twelve days being over; 30 small vessels, with con-
voys for Wales, have passed by. Two men of Penrhyn, and one of
Penzance, who were prisoners in France, escaped, took a boat, and
after being three days at sea, landed at Dartmouth. They report
that the French have a large well-manned fleet at Brest; that
companies of foot march thither daily; and that peace with England
is no longer talked of, but only war; that the French intend for
England, have many English on board, and landed ammunition six
months ago in the North of Ireland.
- July 14. 108. M. Scott to Williamson. All is quiet, and the people very
Berwick. joyful to hear so good hopes of peace with Holland; yet they would
venture life and fortune ere it were on any but honourable terms.
- July 14. 109. John Bower to James Hickey. Notices of vessels. The
Bridlington. country is in a good posture of defence, and much refreshed by the
news of peace.
- July 15. 110. Wm. Gannock to Williamson. Was sorry not to see him
upon his case, before retiring to the country. Thinks his design
would show zeal for his Majesty's service, but diminish his own
fortunes, as the new raised forces will not be of duration enough to
reimburse the charges of their raisers. Has suffered so much by
imprisonment, sequestration, decimation, and whatever the then
domineering power of darkness could inflict, that he does not wish
to make the breach wider by inadvertency. His lamp cannot shine
without oil; begs a supply from him, and remembrance, if anything
civil or military be found fitting for him.
- July 15. 111. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Finds there is to be no altera-
Dover. tion in the packet boat till Christmas. Hopes Williamson will be
concerned therein if the writer is. Has found a very ingenious
correspondent at Rye.
- July 15. 112. John Clarke to the Postmasters between Plymouth and
9 A.M. London. Requires them to forward this express with all possible
[Plymouth.] despatch, the Dutch fleet of 40 sail lying at anchor in Plymouth
Sound. With post label, recording its progress and arrival at
Staines on the 16th, at 5 p.m.

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July 15. Dartmouth. 113. Jo. Lyndsey to Williamson. The Dutch are hourly expected to land, or to come into port to spoil the Straits' fleet; their fleet is 50 sail, and has been at Plymouth; the north-east wind detains them. Care will be taken to resist them by 600 foot, and many cannons newly raised.
- July 15. Dartmouth. 114. Jo. Lyndsey to James Hickes. There are 50 sail of Dutch in sight; they came from Plymouth, where they expected to find the Straits' fleet, but hearing the latter were at Dartmouth, they came there; a north-east wind keeps them back. The place is well provided for them.
- July 15. Dartmouth. 115. C. S[awtell] to Edm. Sawtell. On Sunday, June 6, between 1 and 2 a.m., several beholders saw two moons very near together, about the north-east, in one of which was a flag, said to be a Dutch flag, the colour somewhat dark, red and blue, the sky very fair, and not a cloud to be seen. Yesterday there was an alarm of a great fleet of 60 ships; only one came into the road, and off again to sea, and along Portland Bay; they are thought to be Dutch, and went out of sight about sunset.
- July 15. 116. J. Knight to Williamson. Requests a commission for John Powell, chosen by Lord Ogle as surgeon to his regiment.
- July 15. Yarmouth. 117. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The Dutch fleet was yesterday off Landguard Fort. Capt. Ward's troop of horse and the two regiments of foot are daily exercised.
- July 15. London. 118. James Hickes to [Williamson]. The letter addressed to Sam. Cottington lay in the office several days. Herbert, the carrier, making much enquiry to find him out, at length Mr. Dorislaus told him it was meant for Williamson. This was the reason of the delay. Dorislaus must know of the correspondents, either by seeing the book in which they are written, or being told by Mr. Coppin, with whom he has been so familiar that he had as much freedom in the office as an officer. Explained this to Mr. Ellis, who was exceedingly displeased that Williamson's correspondents should be known, and expected enquiry would have been made. The letter was sorted to Smartfoot, a carrier, who was charged to bring it to Hickes, but did not, and it lay till found among undelivered merchants' letters. Smartfoot is to lose his employment for his wilful neglect. He (Williamson) having sent the names and addresses under which his letters come, the writer hopes, in spite of the change of some officers, that they will be well taken care of, and my Lord's interest advanced many hundreds a year. A little more readiness and quickness is all that is wanted.
- July 15. Hull. 119. Col. Anth. Gilby to Williamson. The Panther, Greyhound, and Fanfan have come into the Humber, with each a very rich prize; they say they are on their own account; they have taken others of great value, and sent them to other ports.

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- July 15. 120. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Eight Dutch men-of-war are
Aldborough. at anchor in the bay. The wind blows hard north-east, and if any
are landed at Filstow, as reported, it is impossible for them to get off
again.
- July 15. 121. Ant. Thorold to James Hickey. There have 30 or 40 sail
Lyme. passed westward, some great ships, and supposed to be Dutch.
- July 15. 122. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. Browne of Liverpool,
Chester Castle. a prisoner in the King's Bench, wrote to a friend in Liverpool that
no honourable peace with the Dutch could be expected, for they
stood on high terms; would have the Orkney Islands, and free
liberty of fishing in our seas; also toleration of religion for the dis-
contented party in England, and pardon for those [English] in
Holland who are proclaimed traitors.
- July 15. 123. H. Oldenburgh to the Bishop of Exeter. Being debarred
the use of pen and ink, represents his case through a friend. Is
committed for dangerous designs, inferred from some of his letters
and discourses; but the expressions really proceeded from his trouble
in seeing things go no better for England. Thought there were
oversights and omissions somewhere, that might prove very prejudi-
cial to the King and nation, and was afflicted to see such insolence
against England, by a people that 80 years ago implored her assistance,
and are chiefly obliged to her for their present prosperity. Com-
plained of neglect and security on our side, but is guilty of no ill
design. Has always employed his correspondence to give useful ad-
vertisements to Court, and had his letters from France and Holland
delivered at Lord Arlington's office during the war, to be opened at
pleasure. Is ready to suffer, if found guilty of any offence. Hopes
a visit from him and the Earl of Anglesey. Acknowledges his
rashness and folly, but begs influence in his behalf. Will spend him-
self in service of King and country. Is extremely poor, in debt,
and in danger of ruin, though he has served England in a public
way, as well as by conducting several young English noblemen.
[Written in pencil, 3 pages.]
- July 15 124. Account by Capt. Perriman of a survey of vessels named,
lying in the river Thames, with suggestions as to supplying stores,
searching houses for people that have stolen materials of ships sunk.
&c., from July 9 to 15. [Adm. Paper, 5 pages.]
- July 15. 125. Col. B. Reymes to Sam. Pepys. Understanding that he has
an assignment of money out of the Exchequer to answer pressing
occasions, and that the English sailcloth was part of the motive
that procured it, desires he will reserve some of it for that use,
as also for the French cloth. Has 1,200*l.* worth of sailcloth made.
[Adm. Paper.]
- July 15. 126. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Comrs. Asks a warrant for
The Diamond, one Gardner, formerly with him in the Triumph, as master of the
Gundech. Sapphire; Sir Wm. Jennings is desirous of him. The fire-ships have
but two days' provisions, are very leaky, and require calking; and

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if it rain much, their works will be spoilt, many not having canvas to cover their scuttles. Six ships of the enemy at the Buoy of the Gundfleet were plying to the westward, and the rest loose, but all came to anchor again, having still their fore topsails loose. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 15.
Hall.

127. Thos. Pointer to Sam. Pepys. Arrival of ships. The Swallow is leaky, and the company being unwilling to go to sea in her present condition, Mr. Blaydes will go aboard to stop the leak if possible. The garrison is to receive the gunners' stores of the Little Victory. Hopes they will order the victualler's agent to receive her provisions, for disposal to the Hampshire. Capt. Hogg has brought in a great prize, laden with Canary wine; also Capt. Reeves of the Panther, and the Fanfan, whose commander is slain, have come in with their prizes. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 15.

128. John Clapham to Mr. Hayter. Has not time to return a ticket for Rear-Admiral Utber's service, but has acted so that he may include him in one entry, both as Commander and Rear-Admiral. He began wages 25 Jan. 1665, and stands discharged 2 April 1667. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 16.
Hamburg
Merchant.

129. Capt. John Pearce to Mr. Hayter. Asks for 50 tickets. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 16.
Whitehall.

130. Petition of Anne, wife of John Terrell, attorney for Nathaniel Walker, to the Comrs. of Privy Council for receiving seamen's complaints. Prays payment of the money due on Walker's ticket, together with her and her husband's charges, occasioned by Mr. Curkase, who has taken the ticket and received the money, and after long attendance, threatens to have her whipped for seeking her own. With reference thereon to Sir William Penn and Mr. Pepys, to examine whether there were two tickets made out, and whether there were two persons named Nathaniel Walker. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Enclosing,

130. I. *Petition of Anne Terrell to the Navy Comrs., that they will cause James Curkase to pay her 6l. 5s. 7d., received by him as wages due to her lodger Nathaniel Walker, who served as an ordinary in the Royal Charles from Aug. to Dec. 1665, for which time and amount she had a ticket, and put it into the Treasury Office in Broad Street. There was another Nath. Walker, who had money due, but Curkase, when ordered to pay her the money, pleaded that the ticket was a split ticket. The Duke of York did not know what a split ticket meant, and referred her to the Navy Comrs., but she has waited long, and never been heard.*

130. II. *Certificate of James Pugh, as to the entry and discharge of Nathaniel Walker, of the Royal Charles, and the amount due to him, 6l. 5s. 7d. July 8, 1667.*

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130. III. *Copy of the preceding, with note by M.^r Wood, that there were two Nathaniel Walkers, but that this is he that was made ordinary, the other being made able, and turned over to the Flying Greyhound with Capt. Hogg.*

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130. IV. *Certificate by Mat. Wood, to the same effect.*

130. V. *Certificate by Jas. Pugh, that Nath. Walker's ticket for 6l. 11s. was part of a ticket of 18l. or thereabouts for an able seaman, and was split for the making up of that year's account. With note by Anth. Stephens that the above ticket, amounting to 18l. 9s. 4d., was paid in December last to Mr. Carkase for the administratrix.*

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130. VI. *Report by [Sam. Pepys], that Mr. Carkase and three others were examined at the office, and also the books of the Charles, and only one Nathaniel Walker was found, though a ticket made to him as an able seaman was split into two. He was said to be taken out of the Essex; finds such a man was there. Terrell says he was a soldier in the Charles; Sir Wm. Penn says there was no soldier in her when this Walker was there, and no Walker was in the Charles merchantman. Mr. Pugh owns a mistake as to the split ticket being a whole ticket. Terrell offered to bring Wood, steward of the Charles, to testify as to there being two of that name in the Charles; there the matter rested, without their making any report.*

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July 16
Harwich.

131. Rich. Tyler, purser, to Sam. Pepya. The enemy keep their old station, 60 sail being in sight. News come daily from the Suffolk side of the discovery of dead carcasses of the enemy; six were found in a broom field where our foot engaged them. The officers, seamen, and soldiers at Langward Fort are well fitted, and heartily wish, if the enemy's purpose is a further fight, that they would do it out of hand, being now far better provided for them, having thrown down the banks between the fort and the sea, to bring the small shot, as well as great, to bear upon them. Got a survey of the defective provisions on board his ship that came in in October last, and left them in the victualler's hands, as also the remainder of his provisions on the ship's being laid up, but could get no receipt. The Commissioner there is as much his friend as he can expect, yet he knows not how to right him, but tells him he has orders from their Honours for the writer to dispose of the provisions, which he cannot do. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 16.
Edwinstow.

132. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the removal of timber to Lord Howard's grounds at Bawtry and to Stockwith, and of transactions with Mr. Lester as to the carriage and wharfing of timber left on his ground, about which he has complained. Will pay him for that sent to Stockwith, but he will

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not accept payment unless he receives it for the timber sent by Mr. [Thos.] Corbin, who is ill in Warwickshire, and has not been there for 20 months. There is also money due to Mr. Wharton; forbears paying it till he removes the timber from the town to the wharf. Will load way timber when there is water, but the want of room at Hull causes Bawtry to be so full. Lord Bellowes [Belasyse] has given orders for making use of timber sent for Hull in repairing platforms and making carriages for guns, though he had no order to take it; to clear the writer, he will send to their Honours for one. [Adm. Paper.] *Encloses,*

132. 1. *T. Lester to the Navy Comrs. Asks that Mr. Russell may be ordered to observe their directions, as his expense is daily increased by removing and piling timber, to make room for coals and other goods, building of boats, &c. Has been constrained to purchase some ground at a very dear rate, or hazard the loss of a good part of his revenue. Desires a positive order for transporting the timber either to Stockwith or Hull, and a speedy observance of their order of 20 Jan. 1667, for payment for the services long since done, and that what is in arrear for land carriage may likewise be paid.* June 22, 1667.

July 16. Navy Office. 133. Abstract of an account of payments made by Comr. John Taylor amounting to 1,100*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, and receipts to 1,100*l.* With note by the Navy Comrs. to Mr. Walth, approving of Comr. Taylor clearing his imprest of 1,100*l.* by the bills mentioned, and desiring him to look into them, and give him up his imprest accordingly. [Copy. Adm. Paper, 2 pages.]

July 16. Reference to the Treasury Comrs. on the petition of Sir Hum. Bennet for certain underwoods growing dispersedly in the Forest of Dean, with which His Majesty is willing to comply, on account of the petitioner's constant loyalty and services. [Ent. Book 18, p. 252.]

July 16. Commission for Thos. Sanders to be ensign to Henry Sydney's company. Minnte. [Ent. Book 20, p. 177.]

July 16. 134. Note from R. Spittle that an express which came in the bye bag to Basingstoke was sent on by a messenger, being supposed to be of concern. With note by Jas. Hickes that no such document came to hand. July 17.

July 16. 135. Note that Corn. Schipper, of Rotterdam, begs Lord Arlington's favour for a denization, and Abraham Wessels, merchant of London, will pay all fees, as he has declared to Nich. Oudart.

July 16. 136. Rob. Mein to Williamson. Two of Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron have returned from Norway. Particulars of many prizes taken. Great joy at the news of the peace. Sir Jeremy Smith is coasting about Ireland.

July [16?]. 137. Dr. Ra. Cudworth to Williamson. Has apologized to Lord Arlington about the late election of a Fellow in Christ's College,

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Cambridge, about which he expostulated. Since the Restoration, their little College has received and obeyed 10 royal letters, and even received a maniple imposed by letter, though it was a thing never known before; but their oaths should be regarded, statutes preserved, and some regard had to the will of the noble founders. When mandates are so plentifully granted, they cannot possibly all be obeyed.

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138. Sir Humphrey Bennett to Williamson. Nich. Birkhead and Edm. Dixon, both goldsmiths of London, will be bail for [Chris.] Birkhead. Asks for the warrant for to-morrow morning.

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Deal.

139. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Notices of ships. Two Dutch vessels ride at the North Foreland.

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Harwich.

140. Silas Taylor to Williamson. On Sunday, 60 Dutch sail, with three admiral's flags, were discovered. Also Sir Allen Apsley's regiment passed through, and was provided with boats to go over to Suffolk, and join Lords Allington, Hereford, and others. Hopes Landguard passage is well guarded, the Dutch having an aching tooth against Harwich, for being so serviceable against them. The hazy weather and high wind prevent reports of the Dutch, and hinder our fleet's getting out. With postscript, 11 a.m., that the Dutch are about the Sledway and off Bardsey Sands, dare not budge from their anchors for the wind, and are quiet neighbours. [1½ pages.]

July 16.

Plymouth.

141. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The Dutch fleet of 50 sail is in sight, 20 or 30 being ships of war. They took a fisher boat, and let the men ashore, after examining them about the strength of the place, and where the Straits' fleet lay. They have sailed eastward, and anchored in Bigbury Bay, where they continue. Some boats came ashore to steal sheep, but were forced to retire to their ships, the cliffs being so well guarded with horse and foot. All the country flock in to guard the sea-coast.

July 16.

Plymouth.

142. John Clarke to Williamson. Yesterday at 6 a.m. the Dutch fleet of 60 sail anchored in Plymouth Sound, and took a fishing boat. The men confessed that the Straits' fleet was in Dartmouth, on which they called a council of war, weighed anchor, and stood eastward, and are at anchor in Bigbury Bay, so that Dartmouth has time enough to fortify and secure the ships in port; the people fear no attempt. The Drake and Hawk were chased by the Dutch fleet, but have got safe into Falmouth. All the militia in Devonshire and Cornwall are in arms, and drawing towards the coast.

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143. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.

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144. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. Particulars of the arrival and departure of the Dutch squadron. Several of their boats were seen near the shore, but durst not land. Most of them are still in Bigbury Bay, but six are gone as far as Dartmouth, and their design is on the Straits' fleet.

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Portsmouth.

145. Sir P. Honeywood to Sir Wm. Coventry. Has got commissions for three companies. The appearance being so unanimous,

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was forced to divide the men into four, the weakest of which consists of 150 able men. Begs commissions for another company. Has appointed faithful officers. Wishes the Duke of York to be requested to recruit the garrison companies to hundreds, they being now but 80.

July 16. 146. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Dutch fleet has not
Pernmouth. been heard of since they left. The fellow that was supposed to give intelligence by trying to get on board the fleet confesses that he went to discover the ships from curiosity, and not with intent to go on board.

July 16. 147. Rich. Forster to Williamson. A small Norfolk vessel was
Newcastle. chased for three hours by four great ships, which she believes to be Holland men-of-war. The noble governor and vigilant Earl of Carlisle are in good condition to receive any enemy.

July 16. 148. W. Bedwell to Williamson. Can only send this airy
Tower. payment of his favours. If Mr. Birkhead, his fellow prisoner, be discharged from the King's Bench, begs the same favour.

July 16. 149. Robt. Bransby to Lord Conway, Ragley Lodge, Warwick-
London. shire. Begs assistance for his journey, not having wherewith to satisfy his creditors. Never knew times so bad, nor trade so low. Has waited long for his money, and not been importunate as others. Has long since sent him an account of what is due to him.

July 16. 150. Lord Middleton to Lord Arlington. Has sent up two pri-
Rochester. soners. The guilt of one is evident; of the other little is to be said, but that he kept Croscomb company several days together. Sends some Dutch money which Croscomb had about him.
Encloses,

150. I. *Information of Dorcas, wife of John Comber, of St. Margaret's parish, Rochester, before Peter Stowell, mayor, and Rich. Allen, recorder. On June 29, heard John Croscomb say that he came to Chatham to see the fortifications, and liked them well enough, but that the Lord General was a turncoat, and within three months an army from all places would be brought against London, take it, turn out the present Parliament, put in the old one, and then they would take the King and try him like his father. Rochester, July 5, 1667.*

Also,

150. II. *Examination of Eliz. wife of Farnaby Clarke, of St. Margaret's parish. Heard John Croscomb speaking to Mr. Comber, but not what he said; he afterwards denied speaking with him.*

150. III. *Examination of John Croscomb of Limehouse, Middlesex, mariner, before the same. Served in General Blake's fleet before the King's coming in. Knows nothing of Dorcas or John Comber.*

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150. IV. *Examination of Wm. Barrett, of Limehouse, mariner. Belongs to the Monmouth, now near Chatham. Went thither with John Croscomb, and lodged a fortnight with him at the Dolphin in Eastgate. The 40s. found about him he received in payment of a debt. Spoke contemptuously of the mayor when Croscomb was committed, but did not know him to be a magistrate.*

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- July 17. 1. Examination of Wm. Barret of the Mermaid. Croscomb is
Whitehall. a Devonshire seaman, and got the Dutch money he had about him from Hamburg. Knows not Dorcas [Comber]. Never said he had the money about him from a smith in Chatham, nor said treasonable words against King and government.
- July 17. 2. "Advices," being notes from letters, all calendared above.
- July 17. 3. Sir John Bennet to Lord Arlington. Thos. Hodge has constantly carried and received letters from Dover, to the great prejudice of the [post] office. Asks that he may be put into a messenger's custody. Will proceed against him to-day.
- July 17. 4. A. Ellis to [Williamson?] Finding a name so unusual as
Noon. M. Colbert's on a French letter, and that to an ill-affected person, encloses the letter, and another to the same person.
- July 17. 5. Ri. Watts to Williamson. A Swedish vessel in the Downs is
Deal. prevented by the Dutch from going up the river. It is whispered that the Duke of Albemarle is poisoned, which causes bloody words to flow from the commonalty.
- July 17. 6. Anth. Thorold to James Hickey. The news of 50 sail of Dutch
Lyne. being before Plymouth has caused the doubling of the watch at Lyne, and the raising a small breastwork, to prevent the coming in of vessels to destroy the ships. A dozen sail passing for Plymouth, ignorant of the motions of the Dutch, have been warned in.
- July 17. 7. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. Though the coast is clear, none
Lyne. dare adventure to sea. The militia is up in all parts of the country. An honourable peace is hoped for, and wagers laid about it.
- July [17?] 8. C. S[awtell] to Edw. Sawtell. Another alarm by appearance
Dartmouth. of vessels proved to be some small vessels laden with malt, charcoal, &c. for Plymouth and the neighbouring ports.
- July 17. 9. Joshua Greathead to Lord Arlington. Thanks for his obtaining him a reference on his petition to the Treasury Comrs., and now begs him to obtain their report; must else be a perpetual prisoner, as all his estate will not pay the money ordered by their lordships.

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July 17. 10. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Notices of vessels. If one small
Yarmouth. man-of-war had attended to defend the colliers from pickeroons,
many coals might have been laid up this summer; and in case of peace
or the coming of winter, they could have made three voyages where
they make one; 300 colliers would have ventured all the summer,
with help of some small nimble vessel. A collier has struck on the
pier, and been obliged to run ashore.
- July 17. 11. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Arrival of vessels and
Hull. prizes. Notices of other vessels.
- July 17. 12. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Lord Arundel having notice
Pendennis. from the Earl of Bath of 48 Dutch sail before Plymouth, the country
was soon in a good posture of defence, and so ready that they would
not stay for their pay, but left it to their constables to bring it
after them to the rendezvous, lest they should be too late. Two
vessels are gone for Plymouth, hearing from Sir Thos. Allin that the
Dutch are gone eastward, and one for Scilly, with intelligence about
the Dutch.
- July 17. 13. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. Six of the Dutch fleet chased
Falmouth. the Drake and Nonsuch, coming in from the French coast, but they
got safe into Falmouth harbour. The Sorlings has brought in a
wine and brandy prize of 300 tons. The Panther privateer saw
40 French ships off Ushing, and was chased by them into Mount's
Bay. Six companies of foot, and Sir John Arundel's troop of horse
are in Penrhyn and Falmouth.
- July 17. 14. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the pre-
Falmouth. ceding, and his letter to Hickey of the 14th instant, adding that the
French say they cannot have their prisoners out of England with-
out a ransom of 20s. or 25s. a man, besides their passage, so that
De Beaufort will send over no more Englishmen.
- July 17. The King to the Warden of New College, Oxford, and to the
Warden and other Electors of Winchester College. Recommends
Arthur, son of Sir Lancelot Lake, to be chosen a child there at the
next election. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 253.*]
- July 17. Warrant of denization for Cornelius Comen, mariner, native of
Rotterdam. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 521.*]
- July 17. Warrant for commitment of John Crosecomb to the Gatehouse,
for treasonable and seditious words at Chatham. Minute. [*Ent.*
Book 23, p. 521.]
- July 17. Warrant for a grant to Dr. Rob. Mapletost, master of Pembroke
Whitehall. Hall, Cambridge, of the place of Dean of Ely Cathedral, void by
death of Dr. Fras. Wilford, cancelled. With marginal note that this
deanery, though of the new foundation, is in the King's gift by
presentation, but all others of the new foundation are so by grant,
and those of the old foundation by a letter to the chapter to choose
such a person. [*Ent. Book 27, p. 3.*]

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July 17. 15. Richard Bradford to Thos. Beckford, St. Katherine's, London.
Fortsmouth. Sends account of clothes issued to the crew of the Crown Malaga from those supplied by Beckford, amounting to 29*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*, which amount is stopped for him at the pay of the vessel, and is in the hands of Comr. Middleton. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 17. 16. Edw. Gregory and N. Holt to the Navy Comrs. Send Sir
Chatham. Edw. Dering's bill for 400 oak trees, bought of him in April 1665. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 17. 17. Thos. Harper to Sam. Pepys. Asks leave of absence for
Deptford. 14 days, being recommended to drink the waters at Tunbridge as proper for his distemper. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 17. 18. Thos. Lowe, clerk, to Sam. Pepys. Has been up and down the
Waterman's Hall, Lambeth Marsh. river, commanding all who have received press money, &c., to appear on board, on pain of death. Desires that Sir Edw. Spragg may send an account of what men have appeared, so that he may know who have neglected and disappointed; will punish them accordingly to the merit of their offence. Some watermen pressed for the Diamond are gone on board others of the King's ships lying in the river. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 17. 19. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Asks them to provide Prince Rupert with a ship at Sheerness. Lord Brouncker proposes, instead of the De Ruyter, which is employed to get up the Vanguard, the Hilversome, which is of a good size. Should be sorry an accident should befall her if the enemy come. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 17. 20. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Asks them to hasten the order for sending a ship to Prince Rupert, and to send word if the trees in Whittlewood Forest are felled, and the tops cut off. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 17. 21. Bernard Leedman to the Navy Comrs. Has sent Sir Wm.
The Swallow, Whitebooth Road. Coventry a certificate and account of a leak in the ship, which cannot be stopped unless she be laid ashore. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 17. 22. Rich. Green, purser of the Monmouth, to Sam. Pepys. The captain was very earnest with him about the beef and pork. Found three or four casks heated, but eatable at present. Fears long keeping without repacking and fresh pickle may endanger a great deal of it. Asks that 2,000 pieces of each may be ordered into the Princess, and some for petty warrant; will do with the rest, if salt is ordered to repack and pickle it. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 17. 23. Capt. Robt. Clark to the Navy Comrs. Informed them that
The Monmouth, Chatham. the beef and pork would be spoiled unless newly resalted and repacked. The purser has given the same account to Esquire Pepys, and to the victualler's instrument at Chatham. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 17. 24. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Comrs. Asks them to press
The Diamond. the victualler for provisions for the fire-ships, else he will be forced to send the ships up. The enemy remains still at the Gunfleet. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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July 18. 25. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Comrs. Asks for a supply of stores named for the fire-ships, which he will see distributed. Sends the names of nine men on board fire-ships, formerly belonging to the Cambridge. As Sir Frescheville Holles refuses to grant them their tickets, desires their Honours will order them to be made out and sent to him. The victuallers are come down, and 60 sail of the Dutch are off the West Rocks. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 18. 26. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. They know well with how much difficulty money was provided to pay the tickets of men on fire-ships, and the reason why it was to be employed that way. Is informed it has been otherwise used; desires that this may be strictly examined into, and found who paid the tickets of men mentioned in a list enclosed. If the commanders of fire-ships have signed a falsity, knows not what to think of them; and if it be truth, knows not so well where to fix the fault. After it is proved, shall no longer wonder that money has gone away irregularly, and that seamen clamour, since probably there must be bought tickets which are paid in a time of so much distress. Asks for an account, and return of the list. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*
26. 1. *Sir Edw. Spragg to Sir Wm. Coventry. Had the list sent down of men paid by ticket on the fire-ships. Finds 28 names on it which were never on board to receive money. This ought to be looked into. There are several others upon the ships, having tickets, whom he has promised to see paid. The paymaster has 100l. remaining, which, with 400l. more, will pay them off. Several foreign vessels are there, and some have orders to go out, but the Prince will not let them pass until he has made further progress at Sheerness. Asks for directions; 60 sail of the enemy are to the westward.*
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- July 18. 27. Dan. Estcott to Williamson. Complains of injury by several prebendaries having obtained letters from the King for vacant canonships, to whom he must give place, though behind none in loyalty, merit, and station in the church. It might not be feasible to procure a similar letter for himself, but wants one to the Dean and Chapter [of Exeter], to say that the King did not wish his letters to prejudice others' pretensions, or bind the electors to pitch only on those nominated.
- July 18.
Dover. 28. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Col. Strode, governor of the Castle, sent to speak with him about Mr. Carr, one of the King's life guards, who passed for Calais; suspected him of doing something unhandsome, but he swore that he was sent to the Queen-Mother by Lord Gerard, and produced an order, which he said was his lordship's writing, and that his business was private and required haste. Capt. Gore, who came to seek after Carr, has the order. Timely notice would prevent the passing of such dangerous persons who produce formal orders. Would be sorry to be blamed, having been very strict.

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July 18. 29. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Lord Gerard is strengthening the ports, and gives abundant satisfaction by his diligence and fair carriage to townsmen and country gentlemen, who are very laborious in making up the fortifications.
Portsmouth.
- June 18. 30. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Eight Dutch men-of-war continue in the bay, vessels of advice coming to them. If they attempted anything they might do as they pleased, the town being unable to withstand them, as all the militia are withdrawn.
4 A.M.
Aldborough.
- July 18? 31. Marquis of Worcester to Williamson. Requests a commission for the gentleman whom he has pitched on to carry his colours.
8 P.M.
Thursday.
- July 18. 32. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Lenox has been sent out to discover where the Dutch fleet lies. With postscript, that there are 50 sail, and that they lie at the opening of the Gunfleet.
Harwich.
- July 18. 33. Fna. Malory to James Hicke. Has no news worth observation.
Pembroke.
- July 18. 34. Fna. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.
- July 18. 35. John Bower to James Hicke. The ships seen in the Humber were three English privateers, with very rich prizes. A Holland privateer is in sight. Notices of other ships.
Bridlington.
- July 18. 36. Rob. Mein to Williamson. Particulars of three fresh prizes brought into Leith. Salt has grown very cheap, so much is brought in.
Edinburgh.
- July 1 37. Petition of the Alderman and Burgesses of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, to the King. Two years ago they had a warrant for confirmation of their several charters, with alterations and additions; but it did not proceed, on account of the late contagion, and since then some burgesses are dead, and others removed. Beg that the names may be altered according to a schedule annexed. With 29 signatures. *Annexing,*
37. i. *List of the names to be put in lieu of others, in the said charter, and request by Sir John Duncombe for its dispatch.*
37. ii. *List of the Magistrates and Common Council of Bury St. Edmunds; signed by John White, town clerk.*
- July 18. Reference to the Treasury Comrs, on the petition of the adventurers in the stock in the workhouse at Clerkenwell, for his Majesty's encouragement in their work. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 252.*]
- July 18. Pass for the Sieur Le Roy, jeweller, into France. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 521.*]
- July 18. Pass for Levin Adam Hake into Germany. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 521.*]

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July 18. Warrant for a confirmation of Reading charter, with addition of the power to levy fines on the goods of offenders, and to hold lands in mortmain, value 1,000*l.* instead of 500*l.* as before. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 521.*]
- July 19. Warrant to Jo. Blundell to release Stephen Gibbins. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 524.*]
- July 19.
Whitehall. Licence to Peter Honhlon, merchant of London, for a ship to bring linen from France to England. Minute. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 25 b.*]
- July 19.
Newcastle. 38. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The Kent has taken a prize, supposed to be carrying provisions to the Dutch East India fleet. The mayor's privateer has brought in a salt prize of 300 tons, and another four small billanders laden with wine, cheese, &c; 20 have been taken, but could not be brought in, for want of men.
- July 19.
Plymouth. 39. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The Sorlings has taken a prize of 200 tons, and sent her into Scilly. The coast is clear of capers; the Dutch fleet continues about Dartmouth; the Earl of Bath and Sir Thos. Allin have posted thither to secure the place.
- July 19.
Plymouth. 40. John Clarke to James Hicke. Sir Thos. Allin and Sir Bernard de Gomme have posted to Dartmouth; Sir Bernard has returned, and reports the place well fortified, and ready to withstand the Dutch fleet, there being a large body of horse and foot, beside the seamen to stand to their guns. A Plymouth vessel has arrived from Wales with coals.
- July 19. 41. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.
- July 19. 42. "Advices," being notes from letters calendared above, and from the following:
Dartmouth, July 17: The Dutch fleet has left Plymouth, and is expected there; 600 foot are provided to resist their landing, and many guns planted.
- July 19.
Margate. 43. John Smith to Williamson. The Dutch still remain at the North Foreland; they took the Dover custom-house shallop, and the Vice-admiral sent a boat with a white flag, and a letter from the master of the shallop to Dover, for four Dutch men, to release the English; these were sent. Wants satisfaction from Squire Evelyn for caring for sick and wounded seamen.
- July 19.
Yarmouth. 44. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Two colliers have left for London, the master of one riding on horseback along the coast, to give them a sign to return, if he saw any man-of-war. Lord Richardson's regiment has left, and the rest go to-morrow, as soon as Sir Wm. Doyley's regiment comes. Three Swedish ships from the northward have come to anchor.
- July 19.
Dartmouth. 45. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. Is at Dartmouth by desire of the deputy lieutenants. Hears that the Dutch have made an attempt,

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at Torbay, fired two small barks at Torquay, and shot at a gentleman's house near the water, but have now retreated. The place is in good condition, having 150 guns, 1,500 landmen, and 800 seamen. Capt. Ackerman has escaped from two Flushing privateers, and taken a Rotterdam wine prize, and carried her to Mount's Bay. Hears from the mayor of Penzance that 38 French men-of-war are off the coast of Brittany.

July 19.
Kinsale
Harbour.

46. Sir Jer. Smith to the Navy Comra. Left Leith 22 June, and arrived there July 13. Finds little preparation made for supplying ships expected. Particulars of ships in the harbour, and of others coming in, all of which are out of provisions. Has been necessitated to send some of them to Milford, and hopes care will be taken for cleaning and victualling them. Gave orders to them to bring all the beer that place can spare, as none is to be had at Kinsale. Knows not what course he should have taken if he had not brought the *Hardreen*, which is delivering her provisions, that she may take in guns and hallast from ships named, preparing to be cleaned. Was forced to lend the victualler's agent 700*l.*, and has engaged with the Earl of Orrery for payment of 700*l.* more, or else there would have been no beer at that port; fears they must now stay a long time for the money. Has viewed the harbour and fortifications, and finds it may be made a place of great strength and security, with some charge. Was importuned by the Earl of Orrery to leave some guns, &c., and consented to give twelve 8-ponnders out of the East India prize, and some anchors, but nothing else without special orders. Finds Mr. Chudleigh a very active diligent person, who has expended all his estate, and run himself so far into debt for the service that he is in fear of being arrested. Asks that he may have part of 3,000*l.* or 4,000*l.* due to him for work done, which will be an encouragement for him. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*] *Encloses,*

46. I. *Account of victuals remaining in the stores at Kinsale, 15 July 1667.*

July 19.

47. Certificate by Robt. Breton, D.D., vicar, and J. Evelyn, that John Bagwell, master carpenter of the Providence fire-ship, was taken sick of an ague and fever on 22 June last, and thereby disabled to perform his duty on board ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 19.
Chatham Yard.

48. John Owen to the Navy Comra. Sends the enclosed, according to their order of the 16th. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

48. I. *Account of provisions received into the stores at Chatham ropeyard, since Feb. 1667.* [*2½ pages.*]

July 19.
St. James's.

49. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comra. Desires orders to Robt. Weymouth, late master gunner of the Royal Exchange, now discharged, to return to his duty on board the *Vanguard*, where he has served by deputy. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 20.
The Diamond.

50. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Comra. Desires the stores last asked for, and also some tallow to be sent down. Of the water-

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men that have made their appearance, 17 are boys who deserve not their bread, and shall be returned. Requests their Honors will speak to those at Watermen's Hall, or they will be very slack in their business. Men, and not boys, should be sent. Has had no scouts come in to -day. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

50. 1. *Names of 45 watermen that have appeared on board the Diamond.* July 1667.

July 20.
Ipswich.

51. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships. The colliers which were to be sunk if there had been occasion are still in petty warrant. They have brewed this week. The Dutch continue on the coast, but do not attempt anything. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 20.
Bristol.

52. John Badcock to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the frigate building. Mr. Baylie is not able to go on faster for want of money, and must clear some of his men, as he has not money to pay them. He has not above 34 carpenters and their servants at work. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 20.
Woolwich.

53. Samuel Walsall to the Navy Comrs. Elm timber is wanted for the Mary, which Mr. Stafford will supply if repaid in a short time. Mr. Acworth desires a warrant for this, also for a supply of 1,000 deals. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 20.

The King to Sir Wm. Bolton, Lord Mayor of London. The Earl of Craven has been obliged to lay out 200*l.* in fortifications at Gravesend; that 200*l.* is to be immediately paid, and 200*l.* more advanced to complete the work, out of the 10,000*l.* undertaken by the city for furnishing works on the two rivers. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 253.*]

July 20.

Warrants to Sir John Robinson to deliver [John] Mason to be disposed of according to warrant, and for his safe conveyance to York gaol. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 524.*]

July 20.

Warrants to the Keeper of Newgate to deliver [Wm.] Leving to be conveyed to York gaol; for his conveyance thither; and to the keeper of the gaol at York to receive Mason and Leving. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 524.*]

July 20.

Commission to Robt. Downing to be Ensign to Sir Thos. Daniell's company in Col. John Russell's regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 6.*]

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Commission to Chas. Lloyd to be Ensign to Major Wm. Rolston's company in the same regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 6.*]

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Commission to Sidney Goring to be Lieutenant to Sir Edw. Scott's company of foot, in the same regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book 9, p. 6.*]

July 20.

4 A.M.
Aldborough.

54. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The eight Dutch men-of-war keep their station in the bay; 11 Yarmouth colliers passing, the Dutch spied and chased them, but they got safe under shelter of the guns, and in the night sailed again for London, as also a vessel laden with cheese and butter.

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July 20. 55. Fras. Malory to Williamson. The Tiger and Pearl have left
Pembroke. Sir Jeremiah Smith's squadron at Kinsale.
- July 20. 56. John Pocock to Williamson. The Dutch fleet is turning
Weymouth. towards Portland Isle, but will not reach the road before night.
Cannot tell their number.
- July 20. 57. Anth. Thorold to James Hickee. The ships in harbour are
Lyons. well secured, but the Dutch have made no attempt to the westward;
they are 40 or 50 sail, have been plying about Torbay, and have
now made off to sea southward. Thinks they intend for Portland.
- July 20. 58. Report by the Duke of Albemarle, Earl of Anglesey, and
Lord Ashley, on the petition of Hm. Taylor & Co., contractors for
prize brandy condemned or ordered to be sold before 1 Sept, 1665,
recommending that they be released from their engagement to return
three prize ships, of which they have had the use, in consideration
of the damage they have sustained by non-performance of contract,
owing to obstructions from the agents of the seamen's shares, and from
the officers of Customs and Excise, in the time of the sickness.
- July 20. 59. H. Oldenburgh to Lord Arlington. Thanks for leave to use
Tower. pen and ink. Begg influence in favour of his petition to the King.
Repents the rashness and folly of his expressions, yet has had no
evil designs; what he said was from regret to see the safety of
the King and kingdom endangered by invasion. Entreats pardon,
and will prove his fidelity and obedience. His correspondence has
ever been open, and he has avoided writing to public ministers,
though often invited to do so. Apologizes for the incongruities of
a stranger's style. [2 pages.] *Enclosing,*
59. I. *Petition of Hen. Oldenburgh, of Bremen, to the King, for
pardon for his folly, having incurred his displeasure by
writing rash and censorious expressions. Is a true and
loyal Englishman, and will endeavour, if liberated, to
repair his offence.* Tower, July 20, 1667.
- July 20. 60. James Welsh to [Williamson]. Is requested by Mr. Carlisle
Rye. to give weekly intelligence of those parts. Seven or eight mer-
chantmen have left Dover for Plymouth, and the Blackmoor has
joined them; wishes they may escape the Hollanders, who are off
Spithead. Two companies of the Kentish train bands have marched
out of Rye.
- July 20. 61. John Bower to James Hickee. Thanks for the Gazettes and
Bridlington. Mr. Williamson's paper.
- July 20. 62. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Dutch fleet was discovered
Harwich. from the beacon, lying in the Sledway and Gunfleet. They weigh
and clear their anchors every 12 or 24 hours. Another company
of the Duke of York's regiment is coming in, and will make six
companies in all.

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July 20. 63. Col. Ant. Gilby to Williamson. The Speedwell has brought
Hall. two Dutch prizes, laden with wool, hemp, and clapboard, into the
Humber.
- July 20. 64. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Two Swedish vessels
Hall. laden with deals have come in. A prize is brought into Scarborough.
- July 20. 65. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The Governor's two com-
Newcastle. panies of foot have come in from Sunderland, and two from Not-
tinghamshire, which makes 10 in all. Town and country are in
such good correspondence that a considerable army might soon be
raised. The Kent has brought in a prize.
- July 21. 66. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The Dutch fleet has sailed
Dartmouth. eastward without making any attempt. Was in a good posture to
defy De Ruyter and his whole fleet. A small Spaniard, laden with
wool and iron from Bilboa, reports that two French men-of-war,
of 40 guns a-piece, are eight leagues off Scilly, but no other men-
of-war to be seen on the coast.
- July 21. 67. John Clarke to Williamson. The Dutch fleet is gone east-
Plymouth. ward, and burned two small vessels at Torquay, which is all the
mischiefs they did. The Earl of Bath and Sir Thos. Allin are still at
Dartmouth, with a body of militia, and fear no attempt that can be
made. The Sorlings has taken a wine and brandy prize, and
carried her into Scilly.
- July 21. Extract from the Rotterdam Gazette. Letters from England,
Hague. one of which is from a principal courtier, advised that the King
signed the articles of peace without the least difficulty, being
constrained by the armed States, and by the poverty of his subjects.
[*Domestic Corresp.*, 14 July, No. 101 *supra*.]
- July 21. 68. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Will go to see Mr. Terry, of
Deal. Lydd, near Rye, and know the reason of his neglect in correspond-
ence. The Dutch fleet lies near Thanet, and some of the chief men
there have sent away their children and goods; a correspondent
at Bradster [Broadstairs?] or Romansgate [Ramsgate?] would be very
useful. Things are done two or three days before the writer hears of
them.
- July 21. 69. M. Scott to Williamson. Capt. Wm. Wood, of a Scotch
Berwick. privateer, with others, has sent up eight prizes to Leith, and is
bringing some more. His wife, being at Berwick, has gone to meet
him.
- July 21. 70. Ben. Francis to Williamson. A prize of 900 tons from Am-
Sunderland. sterdam, bound for Hamburg, arrived; it is one of nine taken
within three weeks by the Anthony, a privateer belonging to Leith,
commanded by Capt. Wood; he has sent four others into Shields,
and the rest to Scotland. The Kent frigate passed with a caper
prize of eight guns, taken upon the coast.
- July 21. 71. Thos. Holden to James Hiekes. They have had nothing but
Falmouth. beating of drums and sound of trumpets, upon the alarm of the

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Dutch fleet being before Plymouth, but are now a little quieter, the Dutch being gone. Four great ships appeared before the harbour, but what they were is not known. Lord Arundel is gone for London.

July 21. 72. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Lord Gerard is gone for
Portsmouth. London, and has left Portsmouth in very good condition.

July 21. 73. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. The Blackamoor pink
Portsmouth. arrived as convoy to five merchantmen from Dover, bound for Plymouth. Three are waiting for orders, not knowing the enemy's motion in those parts; the other two have come in, laden with beef and pork; they only met with the Paradox coming from Harwich.

July 21. Reference to the Navy Comrs. on the petition of Wm. Jackson, seaman, for support, he being disabled in the late expedition at sea, and rendered a fit object of clemency. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 253.*]

July 21. 74. Thos. Melmoth to Thos. Hayter. Shall send the books of
Plymouth. ships named, on return of the carrier. Asks for a supply of books by Mr. Matthews, the Exeter carrier, who lodges at the Red Lion in Red Cross Street, those sent being nearly spent. The greatest part of the third-rates that are abroad are in those parts and on the coast of Ireland; supposes they will return there. The Drake and Nonsuch ketches have been on the coast of France, and saw many French and Dutch privateers. The Sorlings carried in a prize to Scilly of 300 tons, laden with wines and brandy. The Dutch are gone from Dartmouth to the eastward; they fired two small barks in Torquay, but made no other attempt. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 22. 75. Fra. Baylie to the Navy Comrs. Sends a certificate for
Bristol. another payment for building a third-rate frigate. Asks for a bill, and for payment of it, and also of former bills, amounting to more than 3,000*l.* Has run so far into debt that he fears his creditors. Gives an account of the progress made in the ship. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

75. 1. John Badcock to the Navy Comrs. *The third-rate frigate building by Mr Baylie has proceeded to the top timbers, according to contract.* Bristol, July 17.

July 22. 76. Edw. Gregory, clerk of the Cheque, to the Navy Comrs. Has
Chatham. given Mr. Barton, chief mate of the Unicorn fire-ship, a perfect book. Cannot comply with their commands about the watermen, they never having been mustered by him. Saw some of them in the Henrietta yacht, that were afterwards sent to the Unity, where they have little reason to challenge a reward for good service. They could with difficulty be kept aboard the Wednesday morning before the enemy came up, and when she was boarded, they were the first that forsook her. The Monmouth had none of them; of the number pretended to

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be sent down, and that really came to Rochester and Chatham, many never came near the stage where the action lay. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

76. I. *List of 173 watermen that went down to Gillingham, 10 June 1667, without press and conduct money, by order of the King and his Royal Highness.* [3 pages.]

July 22.
Hull.

77. Thos. Pointer to the Navy Comrs. There was a mutiny on board the Swallow, the commander ordering his lieutenant to cause water to be fetched aboard, and the company refusing. When the lieutenant, in endeavouring to force some of them into the long boat, wounded two or three of them, they secured him, and would not go, and none of the officers appeared much on his behalf. The letter drawn up by them was sent before they came into the Humber, and was known to the officers of the ship. The Speedwell brought in two small prizes, and is gone to lie off Newcastle. The Swallow and four others named lie in the road. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 22.
Hull.

78. Wm. Blaydes to the Navy Comrs. Is a great deal of money out of purse, and has his ground taken away, which all goes hard; shall be forced to fall short of his winter provision, if it is required for the ships. Five ships are in the Humber. Has stopped the leak in the Swallow, to ease the men pumping, but not so as to make her fit for sea, the leak being in the powder room and under water. Captn. Coleman and Bass require stores, &c., which he is not able to supply without money. The 40 deals and dozen spars sent on shore by Capt. Coleman have been seized by the Custom-house men. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 22.
Hamburg
Merchant,
Halfway Tree.

79. Capt. Pearce to the Navy Comrs. Anchored near the Halfway Tree, and would have gone lower, but requires powder and shot. Desires that his gunner, who is at the Tower, may be hastened on board with his stores, and that 40 or 50 young soldiers may be sent. Has listed 135 men, but they are slow in coming. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 22.
Swansea.

80. John Man to Williamson. Six Plymouth vessels came to load coals; they with 30 more, and six or eight Straits' merchantmen bound for Bristol were convoyed by two frigates, one of which is since gone over to Ireland, and the other is cruising till the colliers are ready, when she will convoy them back.

July 22.
Truro.

81. Hugh Acland to Williamson. The Dutch being on the coast have put them to much trouble, although they attempted nothing. The country is in a very good posture, and ready to venture all for defence of King and country.

July 22.
Yarmouth.

82. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Thos. Ravens and John Paine are the men to be put into the warrant as masters for the hoy. Capt. Ward's troop has left; Sir Wm. Doyley's regiment has arrived, as also Sir Ralph Knight's troop, which was raised upon the edge of Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire, and has travelled seven score miles since Tuesday. Twenty sail of colliers are gone for London. Four Hamburgers from the Thames report that 45 sail of the Dutch ride at anchor at the Gunfleet.

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July 22. 83. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. The Dutch fleet was seen
Lyne. off Weymouth, and two small vessels were burnt by them at Torquay,
because they were not allowed to come ashore for water.
- July 22. 84. John Pocock to Williamson. The fleet, believed to be Dutch,
Weymouth. that laid at anchor off Portland, has weighed and stood away towards
the Isle of Wight.
- July [22]. 85. John Lysle to Williamson. The Dutch fleet of 45 sail, an-
West Cowes. choring about three leagues from the island, gave a general alarm; if
they make any attempt, shall be able to deal with them, the prin-
cipal landing place being well fortified with batteries and men, both
horse and foot. Supposes they only lie upon those parts in a bravado.
- July 22. 86. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The nine Dutch vessels which
Dover. laid off the Goodwin have stopped 18 billanders from Ostend, bound
for London. Capt. Kenton, who took the Dutch packet and packet
boat, has taken another pink going express to the Dutch fleet, which
is to the westward. The pink was plundered by a French privateer,
and then Capt. Kenton took and sent her into Dover. The Dutch
threw the packet overboard, but some letters are saved, and some
libels and ballads, which are sent to Court. Capt. Canning, another
privateer, has taken a Swede, laden with wine and brandy, bound
for Sweden, as he says, but it is supposed that a packet found
aboard from the Dutch will condemn him. Hopes Williamson will
have no ill opinion of him (the writer) through Mr. Carr's leaving
Dover for Calais by a counterfeit pass from Lord Gerard; knew
nothing of it, yet is much blamed at the Castle.
- July 22. 87. Col. Ant. Gilby to Williamson. Several Parliament men decline
Hall. coming to the meeting of the House. Knows not the reason. Dares
not leave that place without leave, and is ashamed to ask it whilst
the enemy is upon the coast; but if his service in the House of Par-
liament might be more useful to His Majesty, shall be very ready to
attend.
- July 22. 88. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The captain of the
Hall. Speedwell has taken two hoys laden with timber, hemp, flax, &c
The Hampshire is victualling, and will soon be ready for sea. The
two prizes of the Panther and Fanfan are in Whitebooth Road.
- July 22. 89. G. Blount to Williamson. Thanks for his care in his wife's
business before the Comptroller. The favour which the latter pos-
sesses will dispel whatever trouble arises in it. His wife desires to
know whether the Duke of Buckingham is restored to his places as
well as liberty.
- July 22. 90. Wm. Battie to Lord Arlington. Particulars of the move-
9 A.M. ments of the Dutch fleet. It has gone to the southward, the foremost
Beadsey. being now off the Gunfleet, and the course was judged to be towards
the river. The whole number, so far as he can judge, is hnt 46,
nearly half of which are ketches and hoys.
- July 22. 91. Wm. Battie to Lord Arlington. Saw from the Beacon
5 P.M. House the whole fleet weigh anchor, and 40 sail are plying it with
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all the sail they can behind the Gunfleet for the river, but as the wind is south, they cannot make much way; 17 sail stood off from the fleet towards the Downs, and may be gone upon some mischievous design upon some other coast, while the main body may draw down the forces towards the Thames mouth; has therefore ventured upon sending him a second express, but the postmaster of Ipswich will not send it unless he is paid for the first. Sends his man 13 miles on his own horse, and would do so throughout, at his own charge, rather than necessary information should suffer such halts.

July 22. 92. Col. Edw. Grey to Williamson. Lord Arlington, commanded him to leave a memorial with Williamson, to remind his lordship of two ensigns' commissions in Berwick; desires that he will do so.

July 22. 93. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. A Dantzic ship from Norway, laden with deals, with 30 sail bound for Hamburg and Holland, most of which came out of the Sound, reports that Norway hoped for peace, as they suffered more by the war than either England or Holland; most of the ships in Norway lie ready laden for London, upon the first news of peace. She met with no men-of-war in the passage, but was boarded by a Dutch ship of two guns, which, after a short dispute, set her free. Capt. Robinson, commander of a ketch belonging to Sir Jeremiah Smith's squadron, chased the sloop, and is supposed to have taken her.

July 22. 94. Nath. Herne to Williamson. The office of consul at Majorca was promised to Sir And. King for a person not named; sent the patent accordingly, but the ambassador at Madrid objects to it in favour of another. Will suffer in reputation unless the promise is kept. Endorsed, "Sir John Frederick, the consul of Majorca."

July 22. The King to the Wardens and Electors of New College and Whitehall. Winchester College. Understands that inter-elections are allowed by the College, and frequently granted by them, for speeding scholars from Winchester School to New College. Requests one for election of a son of John Dingley, one of the band of pensioners for whom a resignation has been freely obtained at Winchester School, and who is capable of removal to New College. [*Ent. Book 27, f. 123b.*]

July 22. 95. Petition of Capt. Robert Chaloner, Bluemantle pursuivant-at-arms, to the King, for the place of Lancaster herald, void by death of Wm. Ryley; served the late King in the wars, and only failed to be made a herald at the Restoration because there was no place vacant.

July 23. Grant to Robert Chaloner, Bluemantle pursuivant, of the office of Lancaster herald, void by the death of Wm. Ryley, fee, 40 marks a year. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 525.*]

July [23]. Docquet of the above. [*Docquet.*]

July 23. 96. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. The Isle of Wight, descreying 50 sail of the Dutch fleet, took an alarm by firing guns and beating

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drums. Has sent out a scout for intelligence, and to watch their motions, and he has not yet come in.

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11 A.M.
Portsmouth.

97. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. The scout sent out discovered the lights of the Dutch fleet, but could not tell their number; they all stood eastward. She met with a galliot hoy, but dared not attempt anything.

July 23.
Portsmouth.

98. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Dutch fleet that was before Plymouth and Dartmouth came by the Isle of Wight, where the people took alarm; and by firing signals, those at Portsmouth took it, but the Dutch went eastward. All things are in a good condition there.

July 23.
11 A.M.
Chatham.

99. John Conny to Williamson. The enemy have appeared, and are now at anchor. It was a providence they did not come directly into Sheerness, as there was only one gun mounted this morning, and not any powder nor shot; but 20 barrels and some shot have gone down, and hopes to have 12 or 14 guns mounted before night, by which time the soldiers may possibly be fitted with match and bullets, of which they are destitute. The Helvorsome, a Dutch man-of-war of 64 guns, taken in the last war, being ordered to Sheerness to lodge men working at the fort, ran upon one of the fly-boats sunk at the chain for the security of the river, the stump of whose mainmast is gone through her bilge as high as her gun deck, which will inevitably be her loss. Is out of fear there of the enemy, except as to his landing at Gillingham, and coming on the back of the fortifications.

July 23.
Margate.

100. Joh. Smith to Williamson. The Dutch have weighed anchor, gone further off from the shore, and were seen at the back of the Goodwin Sands, as if they intended for Dover or further. They met the Ostend fleet, and carried them all with them except one, which had horses in it.

July 23.
Dover.

101. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Forty of the Dutch fleet have sailed westward, nine of which are supposed to be the ships that lay by the North Foreland, the rest merchant and fire ships. The Flanders packet has brought news of peace. Our French packet is taken either by the French or Dutch.

July 23.
Aldborough.

102. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The nine Dutch men-of-war that have been in the bay for three weeks set sail on Sunday, and stood to the southward; the next day a small vessel stood in close to the shore, expecting some colliers, 11 of which have sailed southward. Some difference has arisen amongst the militia officers of that county upon some alterations; it is reported that Sir Robert Brooke, lieutenant-colonel to Sir John Rous, is committed to the Tower for speaking against Papists. Conceives these reports to be from seditious spirits.

July 23.
Freston.

103. Wm. Warden to Williamson. Desires he will ask Sir John Bennet to respite the time of his coming up. Is in ill health, and on the eve of receiving the royal aid money, as head collector for

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that hundred. Supposes the summons to be grounded on some mistake. Doubts not but to be able to clear himself.

July 23.
Alderton.

104. W. Battie to Williamson. Wishes, when he appointed him to send expresses, he had appointed the Ipswich postmaster to take them. Unless the same information comes by other hands, the service is prejudiced, as also his own reputation, which he must stand upon, being newly in office. The 17 ships parting from the fleet for the Downs looks like a desire for mischief upon some other coast, while the fleet is towards the river. Three more considerable ships came back when the 17 were out of sight, and are gone in the same course. Desires that his letters may be directed to Alderton, to be left at Woodbridge, Suffolk.

July 23.
West Cowen.

105. John Lysle to Williamson. Apologizes for misdating his letter of the 22nd for the 29th, as the alarm was sounding in his ears, and he in attendance on a battery of six guns. The Dutch fleet of 50 sail has weighed anchor and sailed towards the East. Their intentions are unknown; all are upon their guard there to receive any enemy that may invade.

July 23.
Newcastle.

106. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Hears from Scotland that they have taken 20 more prizes. The Speedwell and Nightingale are come to the Bar with two other ships, supposed to be prizes. Lord Ogle has gone to Lord Widdrington's, and intends to see Berwick before he comes back. Lord Carlisle came to town last night.

July 23.
Plymouth.

107. John Clarke to James Hickey. The Earl of Bath and Sir Thos. Allin have returned, leaving Dartmouth well fortified, having planted 160 guns upon the quays, &c. The Dutch fleet are supposed to have quitted the coast. The Drake frigate and Nonsuch ketch are the only ships at Plymouth, but four French frigates are plying up and down the coast.

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108. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

July 23.
Rye.

109. James Welsh to Williamson. About 30 sail of Hollanders have passed the Bay westward, supposed to be merchant ships and convoys, together with four great hoyas. There is a flying report of a Dutch packet taken off Farley, going after the Holland fleet, which passed by ten days since.

July 23.
Harwich.

110. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Some ships came to the Dutch fleet lying there, supposed to be victuallers, and Sir Joseph Jordan believes they have taken in two or three months' victuals. They have since weighed and stood for the Gunfleet, where they saw several small colliers from Yarmouth under convoy; they pursued the Spy returning from convoy of colliers, and she came in there. Very much shooting was heard from the buoy of the Nore, where they are gone; wishes Sheerness may be in a state of defence. Went up to the beacon, but could neither hear nor see anything of them.

July 23.
Harwich.

111. Capt. Silas Taylor and Jo. Gregory to the Navy Comrs. Send an account of all delivered in since 23 February; Sir Wm.

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Warren's Gottenburg ships were unloaded before, but if they think fit to take them into this account, the bills will manifest particulars. Other goods were received; but no receipt being given as yet, they are not put down. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclose,*

111. 1. *Account of deals, anchors, &c., received into the stores at Harwich from March to June 1667.*

July 23.
Gravesend.

112. Rich. Elkin to Sam. Pepys. The supernumeraries on board the Diamond are pressed watermen, to be disposed of to other ships. All the ships are spending their sea victuals, for want of petty warrants; 30 Holland men-of-war are in the Lee Road, coming up the river. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

112. 1. *Account by Rich. Elkin of the number of men borne upon each of 21 ships named, lying in the Hope.*

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113. Sir George Carteret to the Navy Comrs. Requests that the pursers of those ships at Chatham discharged by ticket may bring in their books, and that those already in may be sent to the Paymaster to be made up. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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114. W. Castell and Henry Johnson to the Navy Comrs. Their petition to his Royal Highness having been referred to their Honours, beg to be paid full tonnage for the Defiance and Warspite as measured when built, according to their contract and the accustomed rule of Shipwrights' Hall; also 6l. per cent. per annum for their money, the building being in the time of the sickness, when they well know his Majesty paid 10l. per cent. to the Goldsmiths for his money. Hope their report will be the means of a speedy payment, or their loss will be such as cannot be paralleled by building ships for the King in any age. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 23.
Chatham Dock.

115. John Brooker and Wm. Rand, masters of attendance, to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of the running of the Helversome upon the Norway Merchant fly-boat, sunk on the north side of Gillingham, by one Bashford of Strond, a pilot taken because Stephen Gragaby, who took her to Chatham, had left her. The stump of the mast of the fly-boat ran through her bottom, and she sank upright. Capt. Anslow is gone down to the Prince to acquaint him of what has befallen. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 23.
Plymouth.

116. John Lanyon to Sir Wm. Batten. The Golden Granary has lain there a long time, and is condemned to the Duke, who doubtless will consider Sir William's interest. Gives notice of his disbursements for waiters aboard, and desires directions thereon, and about the pilots employed to bring in and out the ships under Admiral Kempthorne; they demand 3l. a man, the ships being third rate. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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117. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. Asks directions to the officers of the Baltimore to take in the beer lying in two vessels, which have been attending five days, at an unnecessary charge to the King. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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July 24. 118. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Desires they will
St. James's. dispatch to Capt. Pearce, commander of the Hamburg Merchant at
Halfway Tree, the enclosed orders to sail to Gravesend. Asks for
an account of the condition and readiness of other merchant ships,
particularly the *Lewia*. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 24. 119. Capt. John Pearce to the Navy Comrs. Has all his victuals,
Hamburg guns, and stores ready to sail, but wants 60 lusty soldiers, which
Merchant, may be sent aboard within two hours, Woolwich being full of them,
Halfway with little to do. Has 95 volunteers aboard, and 10 pressed men,
Tree. who are of small value; what they find in the streets are mostly
fire-ship men, and with printed tickets. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 24. 120. Account of a survey made by Capt. Perriman of ships named,
lying between Deptford and Woolwich, from 20 to 24 July 1667.
[*Adm. Paper*, 1½ pages.]
- July 24. 121. Jo. Trelawney to Williamson. Sir Arthur Bassett's regiment
Exeter. is completed, and the men promise well. The reports of the Pres-
byterians, that they were to go beyond the seas and be commanded
by Papist officers hindered the speedy raising of them. Is sorry to
say it of his own country, but there is an ill principle grown
amongst them, and such a change as he could never have believed.
Raised his own company in three days, and discharged 15 at the
rendezvous, being above his number, and more are daily offering
themselves, with whom he has helped some of his friends. Hears that
the Dutch have again appeared before Dartmouth, and that there
are at least 4,000 men there, and the place in good order for defence;
but if this be true, six of their companies will march there. The
peace is welcomed by all the country, save the soldiers and a sort of
people whose spirits will never be quiet till the King has taken
revenge for the affronts at Chatham; but this is only done to
keep up the discontent of the people. If the regiments are dis-
banded, which is much feared, begs him to remind Lord Arlington
of his promise to send the writer to Tangiers.
- July 24. 122. Sir G. Downing to Williamson. Asks him to move Lord
Westminster. Arlington for 100*l.* due to the writer, as his lordship knows how
long he has been without it.
- July 24. 123. John Smith to Williamson. The Dutch have not come again.
Margate. Heard the guns, which were conceived to be in the river, and is
informed that the Dutch have taken two hoys, laden with corn,
bound for London. Mr. Joyne, serjeant of the Admiralty, came for
a seaman who has been aboard the Dutch whilst they were there.
- July 24. 124. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Seven laden colliers arrived
Yarmouth. from the Humber, convoyed by two small men-of-war to within six
or seven miles of Yarmouth. A caper of one gun took possession
of one of them, but espying a Swede, forsook her, and stood off to
sea. The three Swedes have sailed for London, and the colliers are
going there daily. Mr. Crow, parson of the parish of Rester, a mile
north of the town, banged himself at one Mr. Crow's of Yarmouth,
who has found for an alderman of London.

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125. Advices received, being notes from letters calendared above, and one from Yarmouth, July 22: Twenty sail of laden colliers went out for London, but returned again the next flood.

July 24.
Falmouth.

126. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Repeats the news sent to Hickee July 21. Lord Arundel departed for London yesterday, having dismissed three companies and also Sir John Arundel's troop, who were in arms upon the news of the Dutch being at Plymouth. A small vessel from Guernsey reports that the French have drawn up all their great vessels, and disbanded their land forces, and say there is peace with England. Expected some news about the peace this post, and hopes he will send it by the next.

July 24.
Falmouth.

127. Thos. Holden to Jas. Hickee. To the same effect as the latter part of the above.

July 24.

128. Extracts of intercepted letters, viz:

I. Admiral De Ruyter to the Admiralty of Rotterdam. Was informed by an advice boat he sent out that a fleet of 44 English ships with a convoy had run in at the Needles, on the west of the Isle of Wight. Sailed thither in hopes to get some of them, which were said to have come from Barbadoes. Arrived at St. Helen's Point, and came near Portsmouth, but could find no ships at Cowes nor thereabouts; only perceived some ships in Portsmouth, which were understood to be the King's; by reason of the narrowness of the passage, and the strength of the fort, it was not advisable to undertake anything there. Believes the merchants, having notice of his coming, sailed back to Plymouth, so resolved to sail thither, and is now about the Height of Portland.

II. Admiral De Witt to the States. To the same effect; also, saw many horse and foot in arms on the Isle of Wight, so that—the officers of the land militia, not thinking it fit to land there, because the forts on the Isle were said to be very strong, and it not being likely the Island could be got by an assault,—they set sail and arrived above the Height of Portland, where they now are. With note that there was a like letter from De Witt to the States of Holland and to the Admiralty, as also three private letters from friends, with the same news. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

July 24.
Tynemouth.
Castle.

129. Earl of Carlisle to Williamson. Has received but one news-letter since he came. Desires weekly intelligence as long as he stays. The Speedwell has convoyed two prizes, laden with hemp, lead, &c., to Hull, besides a light ketch, which she sent into Whitby.

July 24.

130. Sir John Monson to Williamson. Sent to the deputy lieutenants near the place where Mr. Rolph is a prisoner, when three of them sent for Mr. Rolph, who would give no other security than his bare parole for his return to the Isle of Wight. Conceiving this not to be suitable to Lord Arlington's intentions, they have detained him until further orders. As they have only the common goal to secure him in, desires instructions as soon as possible. If the militia

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be dismissed in consequence of the peace, some business will detain the writer in the country until he receives Williamson's commands. [2 pages.]

July 24.
Whitby.

131. Thos. Waade to Williamson. A ketch from Virginia, which has been 11 months out, was chased by an enemy's man-of-war for 24 hours, but escaped. A small caper has appeared for the last three days, and forced a vessel of the town ashore; cannot hear of any she has taken, though several are passing every day. A vessel laden with coals was forced ashore by a small galliot boy.

July 24.

The King to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. The late King required in 1634 that no estate belonging to that church should be let for lives, and that, where possible, estates for lives should be changed into estates for years. This injunction was repeated in August 1660, and ordered to be entered on their register. Requires that, being much to the benefit of the church, it be obeyed ever hereafter. Enjoins also that no person in future be pre-elected to a canonry; that the dean be always elected prebendary and canon residentiary; that the four internal dignitaries be always canons residentiary, according to the statute of Wm. Alley, formerly Bishop of Exeter. All these injunctions are to be observed, and the Bishop to report any offender, on penalty of His Majesty's displeasure. [*Ent. Book 19, pp. 59-62.*]

July 24.

Commissions for Frns. Watson to be cornet, and Wm. Upcott quartermaster to the Duke of Albemarle's troop of Guards. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 175.*]

July 24.

Commission for Sir Chichester Wray to be captain and commander of the Fort Royal at Sheerness. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 175.*]

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132. Minute of the above commission.

July 24.

Declaration of the King's pleasure for Thos. Wilson to be appointed gunner in Upnor Castle, where an establishment is to be formed to make it a place of strength, in consideration of his good service in defence of the river at Chatham against the late attempt of the Dutch. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 175.*]

[July 24.]

133. Draft of the above.

July 24.

Whitehall.

134. Warrant for a grant to Edw. Walker of the office of Bluemantle pursuivant-at-arms, void by promotion of Rob. Chaloner as Lancaster herald; fee, 20*l.* a year.

July 24.

Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 525.*]

[July 24.]

135. Draft of the above.

July 24.

Order for discharge of Smallridge, he having entered into bond and taken the oaths. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 525.*]

July 24.

Whitehall.

The King to the Master and Senior Fellows of Trinity College, Cambridge. Recommends Valentine Petit, B.A. scholar of that college, for a fellowship at the next election. [*Ent. Book 27, f. 124.*]

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Rotterdam.

Extract from the Rotterdam Gazette. Some English seamen who have arrived there complain that for many months they have had no wages, and are so impoverished that they are forced to sell a month's wages for a shilling; also that seamen's wives and children are reached to great extremities to get bread. Some English prisoners will not return to England, but take service in Holland. *Domestic Corresp., July 14, supra, No. 101.*

July 24.
Southwold.

136. John Wickens to James Hickes. Only some laden colliers have been seen these 12 days. Three great Swede ships yesterday stood out to the north-east into the bay, and after them one frigate and a French or Dutch sloop, privateers, who came up without shot of our guns, and carried them away for Holland. One of the privateers was seen to-day.

July 24.
Hall.

137. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The two boyars taken are about 20 tons each; one is the Charity of Amsterdam, laden with hemp, wool, copper, and lead; the other the Sandford of Amsterdam, from Hamburg, with great timber and pipe staves. A Hamburger from Christiana arrived, laden with deals, which saw no vessels the 14 days she was at sea.

July 24.
Milford.

138. Fras. Malory to Williamson. Some colliers arrived under convoy of the Mermaid frigate; also the Tiger, Elias, and Pearl frigates, for provisions, &c., having left Sir Jeremiah Smith with the rest of his squadron at Kinsale.

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139. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. To the same effect.

July 24.
2 P.M.
Whitehall.

140. Order by Jos. Williamson for the postmasters on the Tunbridge road to speed a messenger going and returning on the King's special service. With note by Lord Chief Justice Bridgeman of his dispatch from Rustall 11 p.m.

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141. Petition of John Grice to Lord Arlington, for an allowance to clear his charges, and a pass into Ireland; will then desire nothing from the Lord Lieutenant until he has done service. Went with Capt. Thomas to show him Lee; informed the General of Smalbridge, and took pains when Capt. Mason was taken, &c. Can give an account of Mills and all the rest.

July 25.
5 A.M.
Cliff.

142. Capt. John Shaw to Lord Arlington. Sir Edward Spragg engaged smartly with the enemy till night. Heard the report of much ordnance, but was not near enough to take account of the success. Is told that our men did gallantly, and have burnt and taken all their fire-ships; the last of them coming aground, the Dutch fired it themselves. The Dutch fleet set sail at high water last night; saw them this morning at the Buoy of the Ower, with their sails loose, driving with the ebb. Sir Edward Spragg with his squadron also weighed, and is now as low as Lee.

July 25.
7½ P.M.
Allhallows.

143. Capt. John Shaw to Lord Arlington. Found our squadron anchored this morning a little below Lee, and the Dutch about the Buoy of the Ower, at which distance they remained till high water,

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when the most part weighed anchor, and laid driving with topails to the mast. Our squadron weighed, so that in a short time our fire-ships got within shot of their greatest ships, and kept themselves in very good order, to make use of any advantage for boarding; but the Dutch, being in the weather, drove away as fast as the fire-ships; does not conceive it probable anything was effected against so many disadvantages. Everything was acted with prudence and gallantry, the fire-ships keeping as close as they possibly could; the Dutch, during most part of the ebb, laid battering off most of them, as fast as they could fire, and spent abundance of shot, but did little damage, as no vessels were sunk nor burnt. Sir Edward Spragg and the frigates laid in very good order, and had enough of the enemy's shot; he was obliged to expose the frigates to more than ordinary danger, as the Dutch bore on them, and to keep his fire-ships near, the frigates endured their battery a long time, and bravely kept a little distance a head till the sun set, when the Dutch came to anchor a little below the Buoy of the Ower, and our squadron a little above it, about one and half miles distant from each other. Has no account of the good or ill success in this dispute, but intends to go aboard to-morrow. The Dutch squadron are 26 sail, six of which are fire-ships; at the latter part of the ebb, three or four fire-ships and five hoys came out of the Medway, which likewise fell on part of the Dutch squadron that did not weigh anchor, and shot at them several broadsides, so that they retired out of their reach, and are anchored about a mile distant. Has sent the Prince and Earl of Middleton a copy of this letter, but cannot procure horses at a convenient warning. Begs he will desire the Earl either to furnish him with one, or give him more ample powers to press what may be required. [2 pages.]

July 25.
Deal.

144. Ri. Watts to Williamson. As Terry, whom he settled at Rye, did not answer his promise, has engaged with John King, at New Romney, who will send his letters by Rye all the summer; but in winter no horse can go that way, and there is no flying boat between Rye and Dover, which is 30 miles. Mr. Lodge and himself have promised King a private letter and two gazettes weekly, and given him and Capt. Welsh directions how and when to write.

July 25.

The King to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. Recommends Dan. Escott, B.D., archdeacon of the Cathedral, for the next place of canon residentiary, he having shown great affection to King and Church during the late rebellion. [Ent. Book 17, p. 254.]

[July 25.] 145. Draft of the above.

July 25.

Grant to Thomas, son of Sir Hen. Vernon, of the reversion of a tellership in the Exchequer. Minute. [Ent. Book 23, p. 525.]

July 25.
Harwich.

146. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Hearing the great guns from the Thames, and knowing the Dutch stood that way, Sir Joseph Jordan resolved to make towards them with all the force he could

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muster, provided himself with 50 land soldiers, and what small vessels, frigates, and fire-ships were there, and set sail towards the Spitts, but could not get much beyond the Naze. The force consisted of the Francis, and five other vessels named, besides several fire-ships. He having sent up his resolution to Court, an express came of the fortunate success of Sir Wm. Jennings, which was dispatched to him. The whole number that went with him was 24 or 25 vessels. Three Swedish ships, laden with timber, have come into the Rolling Ground, fearing the Dutch in the river, or rather commanded thither for fear of giving them intelligence. The expectations are very earnest to hear some good news from Sir Joseph and the Thames. At noon one from Wivenhoe arrived, who heard hot shooting yesterday, from six till nine at night, at which time our fleet was in sight and at anchor. [1½ pages.]

July 25.
Aldborough.

147. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Twenty laden colliers have sailed this week from Yarmouth, two of which were taken off the Spitts, but the men left, and got ashore in their boats. Heard great shooting to the southward, and it is reported that the Dutch fleet of 55 sail is gone for the Nore, and may make some further attempt upon Sheerness, Chatham, or other places up the river. Two or three were at anchor about two leagues from that bay, and are gone cruising to the northward; three came close into the shore with several boats, but the fishermen discovering them raised an alarm, so that they stood off again to sea, and have not since been seen. There are no forces in the town to make any considerable resistance.

July 25.
Rye.

148. Capt. James Welsh to Williamson. Two privateers arrived; also a small shallop of Dieppe, to attend a vessel from which she is to re-ship merchant goods for Flanders. A privateer having information went out at night, took the French shallop, and kept her at the harbour's mouth upon ransom, but the goods were not on board; 40 Holland men-of-war are plying to and fro in the bay, some of which chased a privateer into Rye.

July 25.
Portsmouth.

149. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Lord Gerard is returned to the town. Has heard nothing of the Dutch fleet since it passed by on Sunday night. Of two carvels arrived from the Thames, one that had goods aboard escaped the Dutch fleet, but the other fell in amongst them, and brings word that those that went to the eastward were 30 sail, and that they saw 60 sail more off the Goodwin Sands.

July 25.
Yarmouth.

150. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Two small laden colliers going to London have been taken, and the three Swedes that were in the road stayed by the Dutch. Two capers have been seen off the coast. A master from Harwich reports that 10 fire-ships set sail for the Buoy of the Nore, understanding there was some engagement between the Dutch and us. Sir Wm. Doyley's regiment has left the town, and part of Sir Ralph Knight's troop is drawn off to convey some money to London.

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July 25. 151. Wm. Leving to Lord Arlington. This day Capt. Lockier, Major Blood, Timothy Butler, and others fell upon Corporal Darcy and his party in a narrow lane near Darrington, and after a long fight, rescued Capt. Mason, and took him away with them. Rode into the town for assistance, but the people, being sore afraid at the desperate fight, ran into their houses, and not one appeared. As soon as Justice Stringer had notice, he came in person to encourage the party, and provided a surgeon to dress Corporal Darcy and three others' wounds. Has given the Justice directions as to the country known by Capt. Mason, and he has sent the Hue and Cry after them. Some who know them should be about the outskides of the city, as they will probably make for London. A gentleman was slain, who was accidentally in the company. Only escaped himself by taking a house, and after they were gone, surrendering himself prisoner to the corporal.
- July 25.
Deptford. 152. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Asks a warrant to the Master of Attendance, to fit and dock the *Franakin*. The timber bought by Sir Wm. Batten of Sir Robt. Brooke lies on the ground, and no care is taken to send it into Barking Wharf. Judges the neglect lies with the purveyor there; Mr. Mayors is in great want of it. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 25.
Plymouth. 153. Sir Thos. Allin to the Navy Comrs. The surgeon of the *Drake* having misdeameaned himself towards the commander, Capt. Herwood, on shore, the Mayor committed him to prison, from whence he has since been discharged, but has fled from the justice of a court-martial. Has put Wm. Thomas in his place. Wants his impress money, and other customary privileges, and that the wages due to the late surgeon may be stopped for future satisfaction. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 25.
St. James's. 154. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Does not understand how low the *Lewis* has fallen down. If Sir Wm. Warren is assured of the safety of the mast ship at Londonderry, it will be best for her to stay there till they hear further of the peace; but if he doubts, some of the King's ships plying off there are to convoy her into Kinsale, for greater security. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 25.
Lynn Deepa. 155. John Robinson, master of the *Hopewell* and *Margaret* ketch, to the Navy Comrs. Was ordered by Sir Jer. Smith and Sir Wm. Coventry to cruise in Lynn and Boston Deepa. Chased many privateers, but could not get at them. Shall remain at his station till the 30th inst., and then go to the Humber for orders. Has not received any pay nor impress money; spent 50*l.* in sails and cordage, and on coming into Hull, must have the ketch fitted again. Desires that Mr. Pointer at Hull may pay him 50*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 25.
The Society. 156. Capt. Hen. Millett to Sir Wm. Penn. The ship is ready, and only wants men. Shall come up with the pinnace for some, and will then wait upon him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Harwich.

157. Comr. John Taylor to the Navy Comrs. Wrote to the deputy victualler at Ipswich, to deliver harbour victuals on petty warrant. He wrote to Squire Gauden, who says he is not obliged to deliver harbour victuals in that port, and the deputy victuallers will not grant them except on condition of the writer's paying for them if not allowed; 700 or 800 men sometimes come in one evening, who have marched many miles that day, and 7*l*. or 8*l*. worth of beer, bread, and cheese are demanded by Lord Oxford's motion; and his lordship himself has several times sent in writing for three huttis of beer and some charcoal, which have been delivered. Soldiers are made use of, day and night, in mooring ships and landing ordnance, for whom beer, biscuit, and cheese must be allowed. Money is required to begin with the sunk ships, else no man will stir out without force; and then they threaten and some do run away, so dares not hazard it. The undertakers will spend no more in securing the ships. Sir Joseph Jordan went out yesterday, with 16 fire-ships and 6 small vessels of war. Wishes he had half-a-dozen fourth-rates in his company, as there would be good account of something done with the enemy ere they returned. The storekeeper has sent the account of receipts since 23rd Feb. Watkins, the smith, is quite disheartened, and cannot hold up his head any longer without 100*l*. Asks for orders as to the demands of the Swedes' ships, for which 11*l*. is due. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 pages.] *Encloses*,

157. 1. *Daniel Gauden to Comr. Taylor. Observes there is a complaint that the ships lying at Ipswich are in want of necessaries, which is not unlikely, as they are in harbour victuals, which does not admit the same allowance or sorts as sea victuals. Is not obliged to deliver any harbour victuals in that port, and it is not for the service that it should be so at this time; but if sea victuals be appointed, they shall be supplied* [*Copy*].

Victualling Office, London, July 4, 1667.

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July 26.

1. List of provisions, &c., much wanted in the stores at Woolwich, and twice demanded. [*Adm. Paper*.]

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Bristol.

2. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. The promise of effectual payment of 600*l*. was some satisfaction, as Sir Thos. Langton's agent had the same intelligence; but the failing of it has put him to the more trouble, by reason of his confident engaging his word thereupon. Sir Thos. Langton is also much unsatisfied, and his agent is put to much trouble in going to and fro from day to day, not knowing when he shall receive the money. [*Adm. Paper*.]

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Margate.

3. John Smith to Williamson. The Dutch have not come again, but much fears them at their return out of the river, if there be not peace. Some of their tenders have taken another corn hoy, making three altogether; shall lose 60*l*. by it. Is persuaded the fishermen belonging to Chatham river, and others about Barking, give the Dutch notice how passages are, by reason the Dutch let them fish near if not amongst them. There were 500 quarters of corn in the three boys, beside the loss of the vessels. Doubts not but he has minded Esquire Evelyn of his business. Has his accounts with Mr. Fillingham Clarke and Mr. King. Wants his money the rather on account of his loss; such slow payments are a great cause of these troubles, by breeding discontent; 30 sail have been seen coming up; much shooting heard, and as much smoke as if eight or ten ships had been fired.

July 26.
Dover.

4. Jos. Carlisle to Williamson. Arrival of Sir Jo. Coventry from Breda, with a report that the peace is concluded. The Nieuport packet brings news that there was great rioting in Holland and Zealand for joy of the peace. It was the Dutch who plundered Mr. Garrat and others, and afterwards let them go, and who took the Calais packet boat. Thanks for his letter concerning Mr. Carr; if blamed in that business, it will be without cause, as none can be more cautious or strict than himself in these cross times. Never lets any one go over without a pass from Court, or from the Commissioners appointed at Dover by the Lord Warden to examine all that come or go. No ships are there but the one that brought over Sir Jo. Coventry, and which wears the white flag.

July 26.
4 A.M.
Sheerness.

5. Marquis of Worcester to Lord Arlington. Acquainted his Highness with Capt. Shaw being sent to Allhallows. The captain was pleased to show him the Colonel's letter; has left him writing an account of what passed yesterday in their sight. Believes the enemy spent near 1,000 great shot, but with little or no execution. Sir Edw. Spragg, who followed them out of the river, hardly vouchsafed them one, they not being within the distance, and left them with the turn of the tide, and fell a little back, but the enemy did not care to follow him, though they had both wind and tide. Hopes Sir Joseph Jordan might, with this wind, do great execution with his fire-ships. Is sorry the House of Commons is too ready to discourage those that he is sure are not found unnecessary there; shall, however, keep his own men.

July 26.
8 P.M.
Isle of Grain.

6. Capt. John Shaw to Lord Arlington. The Dutch came there this morning early. Saw some ships coming towards them; the Dutch fired at them, and immediately after several were on fire, and their whole squadron clouded with smoke of their own ordnance and that of the fire-ships, which confirmed his judgment that they were a squadron of fire-ships sent from Harwich, and put him in great hopes of the total destruction of the Dutch squadron. They appeared to be about 21 sail. Hoped that everyone would have boarded a Dutch ship, and burnt together; but when the smoke vanished, saw the Dutch still riding in their berths, and five of our fire-

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ships burning without grappling with any, so could not observe that they burnt any of the Dutch. The rest of the 21 sail stood away to the southward, and two or three Dutch men-of-war stood in amongst them, one of which, coming on ground near Sheppey, they having no hopes of getting her off, set fire to her themselves, and she afterwards drove ashore about four miles below Sheerness. Prince Rupert was nearer to her than himself, and, without doubt, he will hear of it from him. Our ships afterwards tacked and stood about, out of shot of the Dutch, who did not weigh anchor to pursue them, so that 15 sail anchored safe by Sir Edw. Spragg's squadron. Wishes they could have had better success, as such an opportunity might have produced more honourable effects. Has sent three expresses to Earl Middleton; could not send Lord Craven duplicates for want of horses, but doubts not Sir Edw. Spragg has given him an account of this engagement. The Dutch have weighed, and are driven down seven miles below the Buoy of the Ower, but Sir Edw. Spragg is still at anchor. [2 pages.]

July 26.
Plymouth.

7. John Clarke to Williamson. Sir Thos. Allin sent out the Drake frigate upon the scout, which reports the Dutch fleet to have been seen off the Isle of Wight. Only two or three colliers have arrived. The train bands are still guarding the coast; it is believed the Dutch fleet will not visit those parts again, knowing how well they are provided to receive them. Two vessels, driven in by stress of weather, report De Beaufort to be in Brest, with 29 men-of-war, and seven more cruising at sea.

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8. John Clarke to James Hickey. To the same effect.

July 26.
Plymouth.

9. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The St. Andrew hoy, of Ostend, reports that she saw the Dutch fleet homeward bound; they were so very much straitened for provisions that they could not supply her with any. The privateer which plundered her took a Dutch dogger with letters for the fleet, and carried it to Dover. There were 28 French men-of-war, ready rigged and manned, at Brest, on the 22nd; seven or eight are cruising before Scilly, and several pickeroons on the coast. There are not above 300 soldiers there, and those came from on board the ships. One English, a Scotchman, lays claim to a prize taken by the Drake; he is a very insolent and impatient coxcomb; was so much abused by him that, but for the order from his Majesty for clearing off the prize, should have paid him according to his deserts.

July 26.
Newcastle.

10. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The governor, the Earl of Ogle, has not yet returned, and his soldiers have been so civil that there has not been a complaint since they came. The Earl of Carlisle is at Tynemouth Castle, where he is careful and vigilant.

July 26.
Lynn.

11. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. Seven colliers arrived from Tynemouth, who met with no opposition; only saw a small privateer off Flamborough Head, and another off the Spurn; but they, dis-

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covering our vessels to keep together, and to have guns, would not venture to come in with them. The bay is clear of the enemy, and the Lord Lieutenant has discharged the train bands.

July 26.
Minehead.

12. John Maurice to Williamson. A dozen small vessels arrived from Waterford, under convoy of the Dartmouth; they met with three or four small capers, which dared not make any attempt upon them. Sir Jeremiah Smith has arrived at Kinsale, with several prizes.

June 26.
Whitehall.

Proclamation for re-assembling the Parliament, which stands prorogued to 10 October, on 25 July; the invasion of the kingdom during a treaty of peace, and divers urgent causes requiring their advice. [*Printed. Proc. Coll. Charles II., p. 244.*]

July 26.
Whitehall.

Proclamation forbidding all persons except the deputies of Henry Lord Arlington, postmaster-general, to carry letters or packets, on pain of summons before Council, and ordering all shipmasters to deliver to his lordship's deputies all letters sent by them, except such as by the Act for the office of Postmaster-general, may be sent by a carrier or a friend; also exempting all post agents from juries, inquests, and other public services. [*Printed. Proc. Coll. Charles II., p. 245.*]

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Warrant for confirmation under the great seal of articles of indenture granting 10,000 acres of waste ground in the Forest of Dean, to Sir John Wintour, as a nursery for the growth of ship timber. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 526.*]

July 26.

Warrant to John Wickham to apprehend Francis Smith, clasp-maker, and bring him before Lord Arlington. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 526.*]

July 26.

13. Declaration of Wm. Burden. Fras. Smith, of the Elephant and Castle, Strand, asked him to let Johnson, a printer living in his house, print two or three sheets of verses, called "The Second and Third Advice to a Painter." Asked if they reflected on Government, and Smith confessed that they reflected on the Lord Chancellor, Duchess of Albemarle, and others of the Court; refused either to allow it to be printed at his house, or to help him to a printer. Told Royston, a warden of the Stationers' Company, of this business, and advised him to look after it.

July 27.
Bridgewater.

14. Wm. Symons to James Hicke. Sir Jeremiah Smith, with his squadron, has arrived at Kinsale. Guns were heard very much at the Isle of Wight, from Sunday to Tuesday last, but the occasion is not known.

July 27.
West Cowes.

15. John Lysle to Williamson. A fleet of 80 ships seen to the east, steering their course west, gave a hot alarm, but were afterwards judged to be merchantmen, and some great ships for convoy. Fears they have suffered by the storm, having no ports to befriend them. The men in the town are troubled at so many alarms. Prays there may be a peace on honourable terms.

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Ithull. 16. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The Milford and Nightingale have come into the Humber. The Speedwell, Swallow, and others will soon be ready for sea. A vessel has been taken by a small sloop.
- July 27.
York. 17. Jon. Mascal to Williamson. The guard appointed to conduct Mason and Leving to York were assaulted by 12 horsemen, armed with back, breast, and head pieces, gauntlets, pistols, &c. At the first action, they fired upon the soldiers' backs, without saying a word, or making any show of force. Most of the guard were wounded, and Mason made his escape. They had resolved to kill Leving, who is come in, along with the gentlemen that were able to travel, three or four of whom are believed to be mortally wounded. Scott, a citizen of York, being in the soldiers' company, was outright slain; the rogues had taken such care that they secured all the passes to the field by several footmen, their accomplices. The action was fought between Wentbridge and Darrington. Has the report from the under sheriff, who came by desire of the head sheriff to stay the mail, so as to give Lord Arlington full information.
- July 27.
London. 18. James Thruston to Viscount Conway. If the Dutch are so obstinate as to refuse articles of peace, so that Capt. Amyer cannot return, he will rummage out of his ship the things required. The King has returned the articles brought yesterday, signed. A full Parliament has assembled, but, though adjourned after a short time till Monday, they petitioned the King to disband the new-raised forces, in case of a peace, which was a bold beginning. Thinks, as Sir Wm. Coventry proposed it, it may be a ground to ask money to defray the charge. It is said that the judges say the Parliament must sit till October, and cannot be prorogued without being dissolved. Since the Dutch left the river, having lost their fire-ships, Sir Edw. Spragg followed them, and he and Sir Jos. Jordan, from Harwich, meant to attack them on both sides, but were prevented by the wind, and lost four of their fire-ships. Thinks this will be the last attempt of the insulting enemy. Does not like to go abroad again, because of the dishonour of it. Private affairs.
- July 27.
2 P.M. 19. Earl of Craven to Lord Arlington. Finding the paper sent to be only a conjecture of what was written more particularly by Prince Rupert and Sir Edw. Spragg, of the late engagement, did not forward it by express. To clear the Prince and himself, must beg to remind him that it blew too hard for such small fire-ships as those of Sir Joseph Jordan, which were easily put off, and only served to encourage the enemy, instead of destroying them, and there was a great want of small boats, both of which the Dutch abound in. It has blown hard ever since last night, and there is a storm at present from the north-east.
- July 27.
7½ P.M.
Albhallows. 20. Capt. John Shaw to Lord Arlington. Neither squadrons moved from where they anchored until the afternoon, having had rain and a hard gale of wind, but about 4, the Dutch weighed and made sail, and are as far off as he can discern them. Sir Edw.

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Spragg, with his squadron, also weighed and plied to the eastward, as far as they could with the ebb tide, and is now four miles below the Buoy of the Ower. Has no men nor horse from the Earl of Middleton, although he has received a letter from his lordship that he will send them. Is in great want of fuller power to press when necessary.

July 27.
Harwich.

21. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Sir Joseph Jordan's armada was out of sight yesterday and the day before. The firing of many guns was heard from the Thames. The wind continues so directly in the teeth of the Dutch that they dare not weigh anchor, through fear of coming on shore, insomuch that Sir Joseph has given them his salute after Sir Wm. Jennings.

July 27.
Aldborough.

22. Rich. Browne to Williamson. No Dutch men-of-war are on the coast. Two laden Swedes sailed to the southward. Sir Joseph Jordan, with 6 frigates and 18 fire-ships, has also sailed that way, full of resolution, in pursuit of the Dutch. Hears Sir Edw. Spragg with his small squadron has destroyed 11 fire-ships of the enemy, and taken two or three of their men-of-war. Hopes by this they may repent their bold attempts upon us.

July 27.
Clerkenwell.

23. Wm. Bowles to Williamson. Was ordered to present him with a piece of venison. Regrets it was so badly killed, but will take care during the season to send him something better.

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The King to Lord Gerard. The three companies of trained bands and troop of horse, sent from Berkshire to the Isle of Wight on invasion of the Dutch, have done duty more than a month. The apprehensions of further attempts being over, consents, at instance of Lord Lovelace, the lord lieutenant, to their return, and authorizes him to dismiss them, to examine what pay is due to them for serving beyond the month, and answer for their debts, or borrow money in the island to pay them, which shall be repaid without delay. With minute of a like letter to Lord Gerard to send home the militia of Wiltshire. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 176.*]

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24. Draft of the above, with query whether the Lord Chancellor is to have the same letter for Wiltshire.

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25. Jo. Cook to Williamson. Desires he will set his clerks upon engrossing two treaties upon vellum for the great seal. They are to be transcribed word for word as they lie; will send the form of ratification as it came from Breda, in due time. All possible despatch is to be used.

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26. Warham Jemmett, sen., to Mr. Ellis. States the time of arrival of letters from Nieuport, Antwerp, and Flanders.

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Bristol.

27. Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. The Dolphin and a small Londoner arrived from Calais, laden with fruit and wine. They had 40 sail of merchantmen in company, and were convoyed by some

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men-of-war, commanded by Capt. Morley or Monly, of London, who brought them to the Southward Cape, and there left them, and then returned to their station. Two of the enemy's men-of-war waited upon them seven or eight days, but, finding there was no good to be done, left, not daring to make any new approach. Arrival of other vessels.

- July 27. 28. J. Cooper to Williamson. Slater, an ill-affected person at Nottingham, pretends to have weekly news from the office, and all of the like temper resort to his house. He makes the worst use of what is communicated to him, and is zealous in publishing the ill news. The meetings at his house resemble London coffee-houses, for liberty of speech and descanting upon their intelligence. The markets rise and fall, but rather the latter, and both town and country are greatly influenced by the deliberations of that place. Thinks it were better they were left to the gazette and their private correspondents, than to have anything communicated from such an authority as his office.
- July 27. 29. Particulars of money due from the King to Sir John Shaw, as principal or interest for sums lent to Lords Arlington and Carlingford, Sir Walter Vane, Sir Thos. Clifford, Don Bernardo Salinas, and Don Patricio Muledy, also as charges for striking tallies, amounting together to 1,93*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.*
- July 27. 30. John Bower to James Hiekes. The Kent and another frigate, coming from Flamborough Head, espied a sloop to the southward, and gave chase, but could not get him, so sailed for the Humber. The Speedwell arrived, having delivered her two prizes at Hull, and is gone northward, in hopes of getting more. There is no appearance of any of the Dutch fleet, except some small privateers. Six or seven of His Majesty's ships still remain in the Humber.
- July 27. 31. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. All is quiet in those parts, but Lord Gerard is very urgent in carrying on the works for perfecting the fortifications.
- July 27. 32. Rich. Forster to Williamson. A report that 30 or 40 ships were in sight alarmed the country people; but they proved to be some small vessels from the Humber, and other places, whereof only eight or nine came in; the rest are gone for Sunderland.
- July 27. 33. S. Pepys to Williamson. The East India prize papers are in Sir John Mennes's hands, though Sir John does not know that Pepys knows this; Williamson must therefore take his own method to satisfy himself concerning them.
- July 27. 34. Fras. Malory to James Hiekes. The Tiger and Elias are in the harbour tallowing; the Pearl frigate is gone to Bristol for provisions for Sir Jeremiah Smith, and the Mermaid has set sail to cruise about the coast.

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July 27. 35. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding.
- July 27.
Ipswich. 36. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships. The commanders of the fire-ships have indented for 21 days, and taken credit for what provisions they did not take in. By warrants from Comr. Taylor, sea victuals have been issued out to Landguard Fort for 780 men, in case it should be besieged. Asks whether to grant a certificate for the extra necessary money to Serjeant Thos. Price, he complaining that he cannot find necessaries for 6d. a man per month, but must be a great loser by it. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 27. 37. Account by Thos. Edmundson of the dimensions of the sails belonging to the Edward and Eve, Capt. John Langley, commander. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 27.
Hull. 38. Thos. Pointer to the Navy Comra. The Swallow was hauled on shore at the haven's mouth, her leaks stopped, and hauled off again. Her company, being on shore, were troublesome to the victuallers and brewers, who were forced to give them money and strong beer to pacify them. Capt. Finney of the Speedwell is gone to his station at Newcastle, without giving any account of the prisoners that were in the prizes he took. Cannot meet with the master of the Fanfan, the commander being dead, so as to muster the men, if she be still on His Majesty's account. The Nightingale and Milford have arrived, and the Kent is expected. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 27. 39. Sir John Denham to the Navy Comra. Grants permission for the two stone boys to attend the weighing of ships at Woolwich. Recommends the men to their care for victuals, whereof they have great need, being so long unpaid. Takes them to be very honest men, because they suffer so patiently, and as able as willing to do His Majesty's service. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 27. 40. Sir Wm. Coventry to Navy Comra. Asks them to get shipping and victuals for 100 soldiers, whom His Majesty has resolved to send to Sir Edw. Spragg's squadron, to which Sir Joseph Jordan is now joined. The Lord General will order the soldiers to be at Tower Hill before high water. The fire-ships from Harwich are ill fitted. Doubts Mr. Deane's new way will not prove good, as two were laid on board, and put off without effect. Wants some stuff ready tempered. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 27. 41. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comra. Asks that eight or ten days' victualling may be sent down to each of Sir Joseph Jordan's ships, he having arrived in the Thames and joined Sir Edw. Spragg's squadron. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- July 28. 42. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comra. Believes it is a mistake in Mr. Eastwood as to a stop of timber in the New Forest. Desires they will send to him to know if he or any other for the Navy have been forbidden carrying any, and if so, he must send the name of the officer, and by what order he did it. Will enquire into the matter there, and get it set at liberty. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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July 28. Warrant to Sir John Kelynge, chief justice of King's Bench, and
Whitehall. Sir John Archer, justice of Common Pleas, to reprieve William
Richards, of Oulscombe, co. Devon, should he be found guilty, at the
county assizes, of rape. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 26.*]
- July 28. 43. Note that William Boteler is to be made a deputy lieutenant
for Bedfordshire, if His Majesty please.
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July 28. 44. Representation to Lord Arlington of the importance of
Harwich, on account of its workyard, stores and shipping. The
enemy still have an eye to it, as commodious to attempt from their
ordinary station, the Gunfleet. The fire-ships, now wanting, were
its best defence; before their removal, on dismissal of the trained
bands, the Earl of Oxford represented that he had not men enough
to defend the lines. Suggests the necessity of a supply of gunners,
and an addition of horse and foot.
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July 28. 45. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. Six men-of-war with French
Portsmouth. colours came to anchor in Sandham Bay, and soon after a fleet of
50 or 60 sail appeared from the westward. The Isle of Wight took
the alarm, and sent it to Portsmouth without firing guns; on
Friday morning they all weighed anchor, and stood to the eastward.
Imagines them to have been a convoy of French merchantmen.
- July 28. 46. Wm. Cowmley to Williamson. Desires him to deliver his
commission to the bearer, his lieutenant.
- July 28. 47. Charles Bennet to his brother Lord Arlington. A Vice-
Sunday, 6 P.M. Admiral of the Dutch accidentally stranded at the Graine, and was
Dover. fired by themselves. The country people were running down to see
what they could save of her, but she presently blew up. A report
has arrived that some of the Dutch fleet are at Blackness, but they
cannot be discerned from the hills. Mr. Clifford and himself will
proceed with the unlading of the Scotch prize.
- July 28. 48. Warham Jemmett, jun., to Williamson. Asks protection
Dover. from arrest, about a simple promise made to serve for another as
collector for the poor.
- July 28. 49. Ar. Brooker to Williamson. Sent the labels of the French
Rochester. and Flanders mails demanded by Mr. Ellis, as also a letter from the
postmaster at Dartford of his receipt of them. Takes all care
possible in dispatching anything of the kind, though too often
blamed when the fault lies not with him.
- July 28. 50. Jo. Lyndsey to Williamson. A French vessel arrived with
Dartmouth. English passengers from Morlaix, having met 30 sail of Dutch five
leagues off, standing to the west.
- July 28. 51. Jo. Lyndsey to James Hickes. To the same effect.
- July 28. 52. John Clarke to Williamson. The Earl of Bath had an express
Plymouth. from Dartmouth, that 50 or 60 sail were seen to the eastward; but

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- July 28. 53. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.
- July 28. 54. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. Is glad to hear of Sir Edward
Plymouth. Spragg's good success in the river. There was an alarm that the Dutch fleet was before Dartmouth. They might be forced there by the easterly winds, but thinks they are hastening home, being in great want of provisions, and the wind having changed.
- July 28. 55. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Sir John Holland's regiment
Yarmouth. arrived. Ghent is surrendered upon articles, and the French army is set down before Ypres. There is great discourse there of a bill to be brought into the House for granting liberty of conscience to Nonconformists, but others say the House is to be prorogued until October.
- July 28. 56. M. Scott to Williamson. Hears that prizes are sent to Leith
Berwick. or the maritime towns almost daily. The Earl of Ogle and Lord Widdrington came there yesterday; the former merely to see the place. There is plenty of flesh, fish, and bread in those parts, and at very cheap rates; they only want money and trade.
- July 28. 57. William Lord Widdrington to Williamson. Deferred sending
Berwick. the muster rolls of the three new companies, in hopes of receiving the ensigns' commissions, but want of money for the soldiers has forced him to return them. Two of the old ensigns are present, and the other trails a pike in Sir Edward Charlton's company at Guernsey. Knows not whether His Majesty will restore him again, or give it to Ralph Grey; Capt. Cooine's company is the only one wanting an ensign; desires he will hasten down the commissions before the next muster, on the 3rd of August.
- July 28. 58. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. The Panther privateer arrived
Falmouth. with a Dutch prize, laden with wine and brandy. The skipper had letters from his merchants that there was a peace, and that he might safely pass the Channel. A Dutchman, passenger in her, has been a master shipbuilder in France. The Katherine, laden with oil, tobacco, &c., has come in from Brest. The goods he has aboard are prize goods, brought there by the merchants. The French fleet of 40 or 50 sail is in Brest, five or six being hauled ashore to be cleaned; eight or nine others, besides pickeroons and Dutch capers, are cruising about, which bring in many prizes, and make a great dearth of all sorts of victuals, so that an egg is sold there for a stiver.
- July 29. 59. Note of the dispatch of the last foreign mails, which left
Newport at midnight on July 25, reached Dover at 11 a.m. on the 26th, and Southwark at 3 p.m. on the 27th.

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York.

60. Corporal Wm. Darcy to Sir Chas. Wheeler, Bart., Old Palace Yard, Westminster. On Thursday last, at 7 p.m., was set upon in a narrow lane at Darrington, in Yorkshire, by half a score of well armed men, who, after firing some pistols upon him and those with him, demanded them to deliver, or they were dead men. Faced about, and fought for half an hour, until so disabled that they could engage no longer, Proctor being shot through the body, Knifton through the arm, Lobley through the thigh, Hewet in the back, and himself wounded in the hand and head, and his horse shot in the leg. Lobley, Proctor, and Jackson's horses were carried away. Shot one and got another of their horses. One had mounted Singleton's horse, but Lobley dismounted him, and recovered it again. They rescued Mason; sent the Hne and Cry after them. Three of them are known by Leving, the prisoner who is sent to York Castle, and he has discovered them to Justice Stringer to be Lockyer, Butler, and Blood. A gentleman of York, being behind, was slain. Was forced to have the assistance of the country, none being left with him but Singleton and Jackson; the other four were left behind, but alive; took all possible care of them; they will want money, as it will be three months before they are able to stir; desires he will direct his letters to the Black Swan, in Coney Street, York. [2 pages.]

July 29.
Deal.

61. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The country is very joyful at the news of peace. The Dutch ship still rides in the Downs, but a strong watch is kept. The fires in Southwark and the City much dishearten and startle the people.

July 29.
Weymouth.

62. John Pocock to Williamson. The Deptford ketch reports that the Isles of Guernsey and Jersey are in a very good posture of defence, and that no enemy has lately been seen on their coast. The Dutch fleet of 50 sail are in the Channel.

July 29.
Hull.

63. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The two prizes taken by the Panther and Fanfan still ride in the Humber. The Swallow has been tallowed, and gone off the ground. Hopes the next paper will bring the news of peace between England and Holland; many letters come to merchants in the town, stating that it will be signed in 14 days.

July 29.
Lyme.

64. Anth. Thorold to James Hiekes. The Judges for the Western Circuit, Lord Chief Justice Kelynge and Judge Archer, arrived on Saturday, and were met two or three miles distant by several gentlemen of the town, and by the mayor and his brethren, and afterwards treated at the mayor's very handsomely and nobly, prior to going on their way.

July 29.

65. Examination of Margaret Compton of Turnham Street, before Lord Arlington. Her master, Mr. Bollard, his wife, Mr. Wells, and a tallow chandler, and 40 others, intend to fire all the houses between Temple Bar and Westminster before Friday next; heard it spoken of by the parties in her master's house. Mr. Wells said

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it at a meeting in Moorfields, where he is a teacher, and where bills were given of the whole design, one of which she had, but her master took it from her.

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Monday.
Warwick.

66. Hen. Stubbs to Viscount Conway. The young lady will not spare Mr. Cooke, therefore advises him to be bled by some one else. Lord Brooke is going to London. Peace is ratified with the Dutch. The fire in Southwark was effected by three Frenchmen who are fled. Parliament has voted the discharge of the newly raised forces; the King will make a speech to them on Monday, showing the reasons of his calling them so soon.

July 29.

Whitehall.

67. Order in Council, appointing the Treasury Comrs, Lord Chamberlain, Earls of Bridgewater and Anglesey, Lord Arlington, and Sec. Morice, a committee to take into consideration all the several branches of the King's expenses, and report what proportions thereof may be retrenched, His Majesty being resolved to practise the rules of thrift and good husbandry.

July 29.

West Cowes.

68. John Lysle to Williamson. The Paradox has taken two prizes; one, a pretended Swede from Bordeaux, laden with wine and brandy, believed to be bound for Rotterdam; and the other a ketch belonging to Holland, coming from the West Indies with an express, but she left the packet at Rochelle to be sent overland to Holland. Hears there are many letters aboard, which, if he had seen, he might have given an account of, as he understands the language. Both prizes met with the Dutch fleet of 60 or 70 sail; supposes it is the same as gave the alarm there. The Blackamoor pink has brought in another prize. The drums were beating for the Berkshire soldiers under the command of Lieut.-Col. Saunders and Capt. Kenrick, but upon a letter from Lord Colepeper that the foreign plenipotentiaries have signed the articles of peace, and His Majesty the like, they are ordered to be at Yarmouth to-morrow, for their transportation home. [2 pages.]

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Milford.

69. Fras. Malory to James Hickey. The Tiger and Pearl frigates have arrived, and have left Sir Jeremiah Smith and his squadron safe at Kinsale.

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Swansea.

70. John Man to Williamson. Hears that the Tiger and others of Sir Jeremiah Smith's squadron are in Milford haven; that one is gone to Bristol for beer and other necessities, and the other three are tallowing and making ready for Pembroke, intending to return to Kinsale. They confirm the taking of the outward-bound [Dutch] East Indianan of 700 tons, 30 guns, and 150 men, whose cargo was of very great value, having a good store of rix and cross dollars, and pieces of eight; and also of many other smaller, though considerable, prizes.

July 29.

Pendennis.

71. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The Panther, a small privateer of Pendennis, has brought in a Dutch prize, laden with wine and brandy, bound for Amsterdam. The skipper relates that the general

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- July 29. The King to the Lord Mayor. The works at Gravesend are found on experiment to require 200*l.* more, in addition to the last 400*l.*, to perfect those parts of the work that are of present necessity, and without which what is done will be of little service. Requests them to furnish the 200*l.*, and pay it to the Earl of Craven as part of 10,000*l.* intended for those services. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 255.*]
- July 29. 72. Draft of the above.
- July 29. 73. Warrant to [the Lord Chancellor] to summon John Earl of Whitehall. Rochester to be present as a peer of the realm at the meeting of Parliament.
- [July 29.] 74. The King's speech on proroguing the Parliament till October, disclaiming the idea that he intends to rule by a standing army. The troops were not summoned till the enemy had landed, and, peace being now made, they will be disbanded. [*Similar in substance to that printed in Lords' Journals, Vol. XII, p. 214.*]
- [July 29.] 75. Duplicite of the above.
- July 29. The King to the Vice-President and Fellows of St. John Baptist College, Oxford. Recommends Dr. Peter Mew for the place of President of that College, void by death of Dr. [Rich.] Bayly. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 63.*]
- [July 29.] 76, 77. Two drafts of the above.
- July 29. 78. Warrant for presentation of Dr. Ralph Bridiocke to the deanery of Salisbury, void by death of Dr. Bayly. Minute. Whitehall.
- July 29. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 63.*]
- July 29. Warrant to the Commissioner for Prizes, confirming a former order for delivery of the ship St. John of Rotterdam, of Stettin, to the Sieur Kievit, with all her lading, whether in the hold or between decks. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 527.*]
- July 29. Pass for 15 horses into France, for Lord Paisley. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 528.*]
- [July 29.] 79. Warrant to pay to George Cock 1,500*l.*, for the sick and wounded and prisoners of war in the fleet.
- July 29. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 528.*]
- July 29. Warrant for allowance to the pages of the Bedchamber of 30*l.* a year for washing sheets, as formerly granted to the late John Osbaldston for the same purpose. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 529-30.*]

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The Diamond, 300*l.* come down is to pay off the fire-ships' tickets, or to reward the
Buoy of the men who have done service in the boats and some fire-ships. In-
Nore, tends to be in the Hope to-morrow. The fire-ships are rendered
 for the most part unserviceable by this gale of wind. Left the
 enemy a little below the Middle Ground. Sir Joseph Jordan is
 gone over the Spitta with his squadron. Three or four of the
 enemy came aground last night at low water, and got off again
 presently. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 29. 81. Bernard Ludman to the Navy Comrs. Cannot find the
The Swallow, author or writer of the papers enclosed. The disorder on board
Hull Road, was touching the leaks; the men would not sail unless they were
 stopped. Will send the names of those who refused to fetch the
 water; they shall not go unpunished. Gives particulars of the
 clearing of the ship, and hauling her on shore, to stop the leaks.
 [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses.*

81. 1. *The whole and general company of the ship Swallow to the Navy Comrs. Wish to acquaint them of her dangerous defects. Are afraid to hazard their lives to sea in her, and are wearied by ceaselessly pumping day and night. Are well nigh 200 souls, and if they went to sea, and should lose both the ship and their lives, the fault would lie upon themselves. Desire speedy remedy and her better fitting for sea, or they cannot venture their lives in her.*

The Swallow, Humber River, July 12, 1667.

July 29. 82. Wm. Blaydes to the Navy Comrs. Sends particulars of the
Hull condition of the Swallow, and of the operations performed on her.
 Desires money, as he is in a great strait. Begs that a dozen
 masts intended for London may be left there, where they are very
 scarce. [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 29. 83. Capt. Robt. Hooper to the Navy Comrs. Is ordered by the
The Harp, Duke of Ormond to convoy two merchantmen to Bristol. Asks
Dublin, for a supply of sails, having none but what are ready to blow from
 the yards. With note that Sir Wm. Batten undertook the supply.
 [*Adm. Paper.*]

July 30. 84. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Comrs. Asks provisions,
The Diamond, stores, &c. for the fire-ships, hoys, and smacks, and a score of car-
Hope, penters and calkers. The fire-ships being leaky, all their fireworks
 are utterly spoiled. Sir Joseph Jordan is gone over the Spitta.
 The enemy got through, because there was no wind to do service
 upon them. The John and Elizabeth fire-ships came aground for
 want of ballast, also a ship laden with deals, which are much
 wanted. All the men were taken out of her, except three, one of
 whom is a Scotch pilot. Mr. Slaughter asks how they intend the
 money to be disposed of. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

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Dover.

85. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of the St. Paul fire-ship. Mr. Wivell has allowed six weeks' provisions for ships which hope to do service, and therefore to be fired in three weeks, and given letters of credit for half the provisions, so that the King will pay, and the commander and victualler share the profits. There might be some excuse if he was victualling men-of-war, but, being fire-ships, it is too obvious a cheat. Thinks the commanders of the fire-ships have sold him or some of his associates in town their credits, as he has seen more than ordinary correspondence between them. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Plymouth.

86. S. Langford to S. Pepys. Victualling of ships. Plymouth is now blocked up by a fleet of Dutch that ride in triumph across the entrance to the Sound, but have attempted nothing, save burning two small barks at Torbay, and fetching fresh water when they can catch it. The country wishes they would attempt more, that we might be revenged on them for the charge of the summer's expedition and for disturbing us in our harvest, our corn being ready for the sickle, and promising very fair for a plentiful harvest, which God give us to enjoy, with an honourable peace. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Woolwich.

87. Sam. Walsall to the Navy Comrs. Asks a speedy supply of 500 deals for joiners' work; will not else be able to employ them much longer, and if the work is not dispatched before launching, it will be more charge to do it afloat. Understands he is to attend the weighing of the sunk ships by fitting boys and lighters, and desires orders thereon. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Kinsale.

88. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Care is taken to preserve the masts. Shall send an account of the disposition of the stores sent thither. There are great complaints from the commanders of ships for things he has not; many extraordinaries are required for supply and repair of ships, and for 400 sick and wounded of Sir Jer. Smith's fleet, against whose landing and quartering the town has been very averse, doubting payment. Sir Jeremy's activity and desire to have the fleet in a fit posture to answer the service causes not a little harass, with such impossibilities; it is enough to break the hearts of faithful officers. Hopes that he and those similarly employed may not be required to go beyond what they are able, but furnished with suitable supplies. Gives the names of 11 ships in that port, two gone to Cork, three off Cape Clear, 12 off the Black Rock, four at Milford and one at Youghall. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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89. Account of 61 loads of timber lying at the store yard at Deptford, belonging to Mr. Hulbert; 56s. per load is the lowest price he will take. With note that 51s. has been offered by the Board, 100l. to be advanced, and the rest paid by assignment. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Warrant for Dr. Theo. Dillingham to be Archdeacon of Bedford, void by death of Dr. [Fras.] Wilford. Minute. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 64.*]

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July 30. Grant of pardon for William Fryer, in the usual form. Minute.
[*Ent. Book 23, p. 494.*]
- July 30. 90. Capt. Nath. Darell to Williamson. The enemy are come into
Landguard their old station, and Sir Joseph Jordan is standing into the Rolling
Point. Grounds with his fire-ships. Some dead bodies have been cast up
by the sea, and two great legs were found thrown up under the fort.
- July 30. 91. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The Dutch fleet is off Land-
Aldborough. guard Fort, and an attempt is expected. If they come that way,
Aldborough is but slenderly provided for them, having no militia nor
army forces to assist. Desires he will speak to his clerks about
forwarding the news; has received none for a week.
- July 30. 92. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The whole Dutch fleet has
Harwich. settled in the Gunfleet. Six or seven ships were sent after some
of our vessels, which escaped and passed the Spitta, before Sir Joseph
Jordan's squadron was in sight. Fears not the Dutch, now our
fire-ships are returned. Eight of their fire-ships are reported to
have put to sea.
- July 30. 93. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Five Dutch ships passed north-
Deal. wards. Supposes Mr. Coventry will be there to-day, as two of his
men came last night. The Dutch ship that brought him over has
an English ancient on the flag on the maintop, a Dutch ancient on
the foretop, and a French ancient on the mizentop; under the
English and Dutch colours are Swedish, Danish, Hamburg, and
several other colours and pendants.
- July 30. 94. John Smith to Williamson. About 30 sail of the Dutch fleet
Margate. have been seen to the north-east; six so near that their hulls were
discerned at the light-house; they are supposed to have gone home;
hopes next to hear of a peace. The vessel wherein he had 60
quarters of malt has been turned adrift with none in her, and since
taken up by Sir Wm. Jennings. Prays a helping hand in the busi-
ness, as the master was his nephew, and has been carried away a
prisoner to Holland.
- July 30. 95. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Lords Gerard and Windsor
Portsmouth. are there. Ships are frequently seen passing the Channel. It would
be a good time for men-of-war to go abroad to cruise, as the Dutch
go boldly with their merchant ships through the Channel. A prize,
laden with brandy, has been carried to Southampton by one of our
ketches.
- July 30. 96. Sir Edw. Harley to Viscount Conway. Made all haste, but
scarcely arrived time enough to take a seat in the House of Com-
mons. The Commons made a vote, the first day of meeting, that
His Majesty disband the new-levied forces; but the Speaker not
coming before the King was in the Lords, there was not room for
any other debate or vote; for the Black Rod summoned their atten-
dence upon the King, who expressed himself shortly that—pence
being agreed to, and the exigence over that occasioned their con.

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vention—he thought it most convenient to dismiss them to their particular affairs; that he wondered any should suspect his intention to govern by an army, for which not any action of his government could give occasion; that last year he raised troops, and when the cause was over, disbanded them, and the persons who commanded those forces were desirous to be rid of the trouble; and that he hoped they would meet on 10th October, with minds fit to serve the public. Is well satisfied with the dismissal.

July 30. 97. Fras. Malory to James Hickey. The Tiger and Elias frigates
Milford. remain in harbour. Some Irish vessels have arrived, which report the coast clear of pickeroons.

July 30. 98. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

July 30. 99. Owen Lindsey to James Hickey. Ninety sail of the Dutch
Dartmouth. anchored in Bigbury Bay, and the next day sailed westward. The Hawk ketch brings news of the safe arrival of the Virginia fleet of 80 sail.

July 30. 100. Col Edw. Villiers to Williamson. Desires interposition
Tynemouth Castle. with the new officers of the Post Office in favour of Mr. Swan, the postmaster of Newcastle, who has been summoned up by them. He has been very ready in conveying dispatches, and since Lord's Ogle and Carlisle came into those parts, has been at extraordinary charges.

July 30. 101. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The Dutch fleet of 70 sail,
Plymouth. whereof 40 or 50 were men-of-war, and the rest fire-ships, victuallers, &c., have anchored in the Sound, where they still ride. They have not made any attempt, but, if they do, all are so well prepared to receive them, that they are sure to carry back some marks of western valour.

July 30. 102. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. About 72 sail of Dutch, many
Plymouth. being pinks, hoys, and doggers, have anchored in the Sound, and are careening and washing their ships. Think they are victualling for three months, to go abroad with their fleet, to seek greater advantage, seeing they can do nothing at home, in their 10 weeks of hostilities after publication [of peace].

July 30. 103. John Clarke to Williamson. The Dutch fleet of 70 sail
Plymouth. have appeared in sight, and anchored in the Sound. If they attempt to land, they will have a sharp repulse, all the trained bands being in arms, three or four companies of foot drawn in from the country, with the Earl of Bath's troops, and a troop of volunteers employed to guard the coast, as well as all the trained bands of the adjacent parts. A fellow living near the town conveyed in a small boat a Dutch man or spy, but being discovered by some of our musketeers, they shot at the boat, when the fellow took to the sea, and was taken in by one of the enemy's boats. The man who conveyed him will not confess what he was.

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July 30. Plymouth 104. John Clarke to James Hickey. To, the same effect as the preceding.
- July 30. Newcastle. 105. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Lord Ogle, the governor, is expected from Berwick to-night, and Lord Carlisle keeps at Tyne-mouth. The Speedwell is there, but the Kent has sailed.
- July 31. Hull. 106. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The Hampshire intends for sea to-morrow, and the Guernsey and four others ride in the road, the latter having taken in all her guns, anchors, and cables. The seamen are not at all pleased that peace is concluded with Holland, and rather than we should have it on dishonourable terms, would venture their lives and fortunes.
- July 31. Hull. 107. Col. Anth. Gilby to Williamson. The Hampshire and Oxford are gone to sea, in hopes of some booty before the cessation, and four more intend the same thing. The peace is generally very acceptable, yet some begin already to declare their suspicion that it is not an honourable one; it is impossible to satisfy disaffected people, of whom there are too many.
- July 31. Falmouth. 108. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. News having arrived that 60 or 70 Dutch men-of-war appeared before Plymouth, Lord Arundel sent an express to call out several companies in Falmouth and Penzance, but by letters this post, they have been stopped till further orders.
- July 31. Falmouth. 109. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding, and his letter to Hickey of the 28th instant. [1½ pages.]
- July 31. Yarmouth. 110. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Sir John Holland's regiment has left Yarmouth, and only Lord Townshend's volunteers remain. Desires to have the boy for the amount she shall be appraised at. Laid out some money in fitting her with things wanted, which must lie by him if he do not have her.
- July 31. 111. Examination of ——— Bollard and his wife. Sometimes goes to his own parish church, but neither of them have received the sacrament of late. Never had meetings at their house, nor heard of any at Mr. Wells', nor of any intended fire; but that since the great fire, a certain person repeated that one in the country said they would like Frenchmen better, when there was never a house standing between London Bridge and Westminster. Marg. Compton, his maid, not carrying herself well in his service, had liberty to leave; the note spoken of by her was only the name of a book delivered to them by a person they will produce.
- July 31. Deal. 112. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Sir [John] Coventry went on board, saluted with 11 guns by Governor Titus from Deal Castle, and answered by the Dutch ship. All true hearts rejoice at peace, and letters from London say His Majesty told the Parliament an honourable peace was signed, and that the articles should suddenly be in print.

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July 31. Strand. 113. Ri. Ellsworth to Williamson. Is able to verify his former hints about Sir John Knight; for as the statute forbids any officer of Customs to be a merchant, as lying under temptation to deceive the King of his Customs, so if Sir John holds shares with the buyers of His Majesty's prizes, which he will not deny that he does, there is great suspicion that the appraisements will be too low. Begs not to be named as informant against him, or would be mortally hated and mistrusted, and incapable of doing further service. Will report what passes in Bristol. His service to the Court being gratis, he begs he may not be dubbed an informer, but is willing to become a witness if summoned.
- July 31. Commission for Wm. Gower to be ensign to Sir Fras. Cobb's company in Hull. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 177.*]
- July 31. Warrant for reprieve of [Wm.] Leving, if found guilty only of felony. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 530.*]
- July 31. Warrant to the Principal Commissioners of Prizes to order the Commissioners at Plymouth to deliver the ship *St. Mary of Lisle*, laden with wines for the King's use, to Jo. English, merchant. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 530.*]
- July? 114. Petition of Charles Earl of Carlisle and Wm. Lord Widdrington to the King, for a warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to allow them to purchase one or two prize ships, wherewith they will bring up timber and plank, to be offered first for sale to the Navy Comrs.
- July 31. Warrant for the Earl of Carlisle to have the prize ship *Charity of Amsterdam*, lying at Newcastle. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 531.*]
- July 31. Order for a warrant to pay £40,000*l.*, to be issued from time to time by way of reward to persons who have furnished or procured loans to the King, during the present war with the Dutch, so that the proportion do not exceed four per cent. in addition to the six per cent. interest. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 531-2.*]
- [July 31.] 115. Draft of the above. [*2½ sheets.*]
- [July 31.] 116. Warrant to pay to Wm. Avery 10,000*l.*, in repayment of that sum lent by the city of London towards the fortifications at Sheerness.
- July 31. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 532.*]
- July 31. Bristol. 117. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Asks an order to supply the *Pearl* with a pinnace. Hopes compliance with the bill upon Sir Thos. Langton. Could not agree as to the freight for the

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iron, and has referred it to them, but formerly paid 20s. per ton. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclosing.*

117. I. II. *Two bills of lading for four tons and upwards of iron ware, shipped by Daniel Furzer at Bristol, on board the John of Hastings, Thos. Hide, master, for London. Bristol, July 31, 1667.*

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118. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Hopes the shipwright at Kinsale will have remedy by Sir Jer. Smith's arrival there. Has ordered Sir Jeremy, by His Majesty and his Royal Highness's commands, to let him have deals and other goods from the Norway prizes upon reasonable valuation, in part payment of moneys due to him, if his bills are not sold, but can be delivered to the King's use. The exorbitant demands of the officers may proceed from the negligence of the commanders, but cannot from ignorance. Wiltshire of the Antelope, having been master of the Milford, and Beare of the Richmond, boatswain of the Princess, cannot but understand the matter. Will join the Board in any complaint of this kind, and endeavour to rectify it; but men will endeavour to be like one another when ease invites, and neither hazard nor loss deters; therefore whilst some commanders let inferiors make unreasonable but profitable demands, the rest will be like them in complying with their officers, and in that be like gentlemen, as the gentlemen are like seamen, by being captains of ships; unless the whole mend together, has no great hopes but men will do what is easiest to themselves, most complaisant to those they live with, and most in fashion. Knows this sounds like the character which is given of him, of a man partial to the tarpaulins, but thinks he is in the right. The likeliest way of preserving the stores at Kinsale is to direct Sir Jer. Smith to question the commanders of the Antelope and Richmond for letting such demands pass their hands, and also for the future to look over the demands before supplied. Has always found Sir Thos. Allin and Sir Jer. Smith the most desirous of any commanders in the fleet, to husband the King's expenses and preserve discipline. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

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119. Petition of John Butler, late prebendary of Cork, now chaplain in extraordinary to the King, for the vacant deanery of Ely or Bristol; left Ireland for his health, and became chaplain to Prince Rupert, with promise of being provided for.

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120. Petition of Capt. Bernard Philipson to the King, for relief. Was a captain in Holland 23 years, on pension of 50*l.* besides his command, till on the proclamation a year ago last June, he deserted, and brought with him 83 able seamen, but they were taken by a Dutch privateer, and sent to prison. On his release, presented himself to the Duke, who promised him a command. The Dutch have banished his wife and imprisoned his son.

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121. Petition of Col. Alexander Standish of Standish to the King, for such profit of the St. Francis, a French frigate laden with brandy

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and wines, taken by Capt. Wm. Browne in a private man-of-war, as shall be adjudged to belong to His Majesty by the Admiralty Court; judgment is referred to that court, because the ship was taken before war was proclaimed against the French. *Annexing,*

121. I. *Proceedings in the Court of Admiralty, 15 February to 26 July 1666, relative to the examination into the right to the above ship, which is decreed to be sold; half the proceeds to go to Dan. Giles, the other half to remain in the hands of the Sub-Commissioners for Prizes till the case is decided.*

[July.]

122. Petition of Wm. Goodman, prisoner in the King's Bench, Southwark, to Lord Arlington, for release, on good security, or for an order to the keeper to let him have the benefit of the rules of the prison. Was committed to the Gatehouse 11 months before, on his lordship's warrant, but removed by request of his creditors to King's Bench, where, by reason of the said warrant, he is kept close prisoner. *Annexing,*

122. I. *Memorandum of his wishes, either that the Lord Chief Justice be requested to admit him to bail, or that he may be dismissed on security, or that Sir John Lenthall may be ordered to allow him the benefit of the rules of the prison.*

July.

123. Memoranda from the Signet Books of warrants, grants, &c. passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow:—

- Grant to Sir Wm. Godolphin, secretary to the Spanish embassy, of 40s. a day allowance, and 200l. for his equipage.
 Grant to Sir George Carteret, on surrender of the Earl of Anglesey, of the office of Vice-treasurer, Receiver-general, and Treasurer of War in Ireland.
 Grant to Peter, son of Sir Allan Apsley, in reversion after Hen. Barker, of the office of Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.
 Note that the Treasurer of the Navy has a warrant to pay all unpaid bills for Navy service, provided they be certified by three or more of the principal Navy Comrs.
 Note of the King's power to alter the books in the Exchequer, by privy seal, which shall direct the vacating of the former privy seal, with order that the respective books be regulated accordingly.
 Grant in reversion to Thomas, son of Sir Thos. Clifford, comptroller of the Household, of a tellership in the Exchequer; also of the reversion of the same office, after Clifford, to Thos. Vernon. [1½ pages.]

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124. Warrant to pay 11,295l. 9s. 9½d. from the privy seal of 27th November last, for completion of the fortifications at Sheerness. [Draft.]

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125. Warrant for a bill of the following tenor. The King to the Treasury Comrs. and Treasurer and Under-Treasurer of the Exchequer. Sir George Carteret, Bart., has surrendered the office of treasurer of the Navy, which has been granted to the Earl of Anglesey; but as it will conduce much to the service, and avoid the renewing of many letters patent, that the sums payable to Sir George be now paid to the Earl of Anglesey, they are authorized so to pay them, excepting sums due to Denis Gauden, about which further orders will be given. All assignments made by Sir George are to be duly paid. As Sir George has surrendered his office before June 13, when the 100,000*l.* appointed by Act of Parliament for eleven months' tax for the wages of officers and seamen came to be registered, it could not be done in his name, nor in that of the Earl of Anglesey, who then had no authority for payment of money. They are therefore to pay to the Earl of Anglesey the next 100,000*l.* on account of 1,277,500*l.* ordered for Sir George by privy seal of 20 February last, altering the day to July 13, on which the said Act was registered, and causing letters to be drawn on the said privy seal for 80,000*l.* for wages of officers and seamen, and registered in due course; also to pay to Denis Gauden 30,000*l.* in part payment of 425,833*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* due for victualling the Navy, which sum was to be paid on July 13, but Sir George had resigned his office. [4 pages.]

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126. Warrant [from Lord Arlington] for search to be made for Jermyn Austin, David Lumbey, Simon Butler, John Lacock, and John Dawson, who are to be brought before him.

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127. Blank post warrant from Lord Arlington for a post horse and guide to and from London.

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128. Pass from Lord Arlington for Pompeo Portio and Geo. Baptista Albin, Italians, with two servants, to embark for Flanders.

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129. Warrant for a grant to John Hide of pardon for barrettry, of which he was convicted at the Norfolk Quarter Sessions.

July.

Warrant to pay to John Barker 1,020*l.*, being so much furnished to the Earl of St. Alban's, for the King's service in France. [Docquet.]

July.

Warrant for discharge to Col. Wm. Legg, lieutenant of the Ordnance, of 20,000*l.* royal aid money remaining in his hands, which sum he is to pay to Sir Stephen Fox. [Docquet.]

July.

Grant to Fras. Topp of Tormarton, co. Gloucester, of the dignity of a Baronet. With discharge in the usual form. [Docquet.]

July.

Warrant authorizing the Commissioners of the Treasury to execute the same powers as formerly belonged to the Lord Treasurer and Under-Treasurer, in appointing all receivers, solicitors, and collectors of royal and additional aid and poll money for the different counties, paying carriage, salaries, &c.; also ordering a house to be hired in

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London, and persons to be appointed to draw bills of exchange on the said receivers, for like sums paid in value, to avoid the detriment of trade, by transmission of such large sums in specie out of the country. [*Docquet.*]

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Warrant authorizing the Earl of Anglesey, Navy Treasurer, to pay all bills for services, &c. belonging to the Navy; also allowing him such monies as he shall spend in marine causes, on bills certified under the hands of three or more Navy Comis. [*Docquet.*]

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130. — to Sam. Cottington, merchant of London. Though the *Haarlem Gazette* pretends that Sir Jeremiah [Smith] has only taken 20 ships, yet the gazetteer's letters show they have little hope that more than 30 out of the 80 escaped. [*Endorsed, seemingly by mistake, as received June 22.*]

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131. Account of the King's bounty, out of prizes taken during the war, to 15 flag officers and commanders at sea, named, from Nov. 1665 to June 1667. [2 pages.]

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132. "A prophecy that was lately found written in a plate of brass in Folkston, in Kent:—

When Brittain bold of Spanish race,
From Gallick sands shall land att Hyde,
Then let not Hyde thereat make mirth,
As if the day were his.
So true a head to King and nation
Was neare cut of by proclamacion;
Hee ne're shall in his clutches have him,
Then lett him looke to his fatt hide,
Merlyn's an asse if York can save him,
As old a towne as 'tis."

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133. Abstract of a petition by some Merchants, as to, the release of madders brought in the Fisher, from Holland. Passes from the Duke of York have usually freed the goods as well as ships, until questioned by the Comptroller of the Customs, and no intimation was given to the undertakers that they should not import goods from Holland, and that it was not intended to surprise the laders. This was no maintenance of trade with Holland, as the goods laden in the Fisher were brought there by hilanders from Ostend, and belonged to English merchants. Their import is an advantage to the Customs, and the merchant has reason to import goods, in respect of the charge in procuring and sending prisoners thither, which otherwise would have been a great charge to the King, who gave liberty by proclamation for exporting goods. It is a mistake that nothing but deals and pantiles were to be brought over: the pass was general, and Sir Geo. Downing said that they might import anything but linen cloth. The ship was first laden with deals and pantiles, but an embargo being made, they were not suffered to be brought; notwithstanding this, the prisoners were sent overland, at their request and the petitioners' charge. The

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King has discharged several goods of French and Dutch merchants who had similar passes, and were employed in the same service, although none have sustained so great a charge, nor performed their duty more faithfully than the petitioners, and it will be very hard if His Majesty will not extend his favour as well to his natives as foreigners. When these few madders are discharged, the undertakers will lose 1,500*l.* by having the misfortune to be detained both in Holland and England; they waited two months, at a charge of 6*l.* a day, for more prisoners, but none came. Endorsed, "The madders." [1½ pages.]

July.

Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of King and merchants' ships in the Downs, the state of the wind, time of receipt, and dispatch of the mails, &c.:

No.	Date.	King's.	Merchants'.	Wind.	Mails.		Remarks.
					Arrival.	Dispatch.	
	July.						
134	2	1	—	S.W.	—	—	
135	3	1	—	S.E.	None.	6 P.M.	
136	5	1	—	N.W.	None.	5 P.M.	20 Dutch men-of-war have been off North Foreland, but are now out of sight.
137	6	1	—	S.	None.	6 P.M.	
138	7	1	—	S.W.	None.	6 P.M.	A Dutch man-of-war, which brought the ambassador, is in the Downs.
139	8	1	—	N.W.	None.	5 P.M.	The Dutch fleet anchored near the Goodwin Sands, but is now standing westward.
140	9	1	—	W.	None.	6 P.M.	The Dutch fleet is gone westward.
141	10	1	—	S.	5 P.M.	6 P.M.	
142	11	1	—	S.E.	6 P.M.	7 P.M.	
143	12	1	—	S.W.	6 P.M.	6½ P.M.	The Dutch man-of-war has sailed with the ambassador.
144	14	1	—	N.E.	None.	6 P.M.	
145	17	1	—	N.E.	None.	5 P.M.	
146	16	1	—	N.E.	Afternoon.	6 P.M.	
147	19	1	—	N.E.	5 P.M.	7 P.M.	
148	21	1	—	S.W.	None.	5 P.M.	
149	22	1	—	S.W.	None.	6 P.M.	The Dutch fleet is at the back of the Goodwin Sands.
150	23	1	—	N.E.	None.	5 P.M.	
151	25	1	—	S.E.	—	—	
152	26	1	—	S.E.	None.	5 P.M.	The ship that brought our ambassador to Dover is in the Downs. Bells are ringing on report of a certain peace.
153	27	1	—	E.	None.	5 P.M.	
154	29	1	—	N.E.	None.	5 P.M.	The ship that brought the ambassador is still in the Downs.
155	30	1	—	S.	6 P.M.	6½ P.M.	
156	31	1	—	S.W.	None.	5 P.M.	Last night, after Col. Tious had received Sir John Coventry with firing and other marks of joy, Sir John went aboard the Dutch ship that waited for him. Deal Castle and the ship exchanged salutes.

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Aug. 1. 1. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The Dutch fleet still rides
Aldborough. at the Gunfleet, and a small advice boat went to it. Sir Joseph Jordan, with his six frigates and fire-ships, is returned to Harwich. Had no news this week from the clerks, and fears it has miscarried.
- Aug. 1. 2. Sir Edw. Spragg to [Williamson]. It was his misfortune to
Hope. go to London, the Monday before the action in the Hope, on the King's affairs. Left directions with his lieutenant to carry his flag if he found opportunity of doing service, but if not, and if he retired, to strike it, which he very well observed; the gentleman that writes the Gazette has made a greater lie than the first, perhaps by the malice of some that durst not nor would do what the writer did. Was two hours aboard before he came to anchor, and then did so within gun shot of the enemy. Is sure he did the King and country service, and had he been one of the King's rebels, it would not have been forgotten. Gave many broadsides, and pressed them so much that he obliged them to quit and fire one of their fire-ships. Has come with his great squadron into the Hope, and brought a Swedish ship laden with deals, which the enemy quitted when pursued, taking their men out. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]
- Aug. 1. 3. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. All is quiet, and no ships
Portsmouth. stirring. Lords Gerard and Windsor are there. Col. Sydney quarters at Gosport, and the horse in the country.
- Aug. 1. 4. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The two first fire-ships
Harwich. of Sir Jos. Jordan's squadron met the enemy with as much resolution as could be desired; the rear-admiral of the Dutch fired with all the force he could, and ran his guns on the contrary side of the ship, which, with the wind, made her career so much, that it was a hazard whether ours could have fastened or come within touch of her shrouds or rigging. One Ward of Harwich fired the fire-ship, but from the condition of the fireworks, it was a long time before she burnt, and the Dutch had leisure to get somewhat out of her before they turned her adrift; but on her firing, 80 Dutch leaped overboard, and were drowned. Mr. Deane lays about with his tongue in praise of his fire-ships, notwithstanding their ill success, but Sir Joseph has ordered their better fitting. The Dutch are in the Gunfleet, but both sides are quiet. It is reported that they have received commands of peace, but it is not believed.
- Aug. 1. 5. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The Swedish agent is come to
Dover. Dover in order to his transport; this day 25 great ships, supposed to be the Dutch fleet, passed to the southward. The governor's dogger boat, a privateer, has sent in a prize laden with wines and brandy from Bourdeaux, where the merchants told them they need not fear, for the peace was concluded. They professed to be of Rotterdam, bound to Amsterdam.

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Aug. 1. 6. John Bettson to Lord [Arlington]. Wants a man to go constantly with him, and hopes to have some of Mason's friends taken. Has a man ready, but he wants money for present charges. Wishes to have the King's pardon. Will wait on him in the morning, and desires he will not be in a passion against him, though he justly deserves it. Will rather die than offend again.
- Aug. 1. 7. Licence from Humphrey, Bishop of London, to John Cheke, of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to exercise the art of medicine in any parish within his diocese, having known of the wonderful cures which he has wrought on many desperate cases. [*Latin.*]
- Aug. 1. 8. Note of invitation [to Williamson] to the funeral of Abraham Cowley, who will be buried in Westminster Abbey on Saturday, August the 3rd. His friends are desired to be at Wallingford House at 6 that evening. [*Printed.*]
- Aug. 1.
New Romney. 9. Jo. King to Williamson. Promised Mr. Watts to give an account of the shipping lying at that port, and the affairs of the country. Two French men-of-war lie within gunshot of the town, and there is no flying post nearer than Rye, which is 10 miles off, and in winter they cannot pass that way.
- Aug. 1.
Rye. 10. Capt. James Welsh to Williamson. The coast is clear, and the last of the three train band companies sent in has marched out of the town. A strict watch of the townsmen is established for better security. Sir John Cloberry with his troop continues.
- Aug. 1. 11. Report by Lord Ashley, on the petition of Theobald Earl of Carlingford, Sir Edw. Green, Bart., and Wm. Dyke, that the King would resume the grant to Sir Edw. Lowther, as far as relates to Whitehaven, unless he will give the value to the petitioners. States that the latter had a grant, 13 June 1664, of all the King's lands left by the sea in Cumberland, mentioning Whitehaven, on which they, at great trouble and expense, discovered an acquisition of lands, salt pans, &c., worth 400*l.*; but Sir John Lowther, who had a claim thereto, doubting its validity, obtained a grant thereof under the great seal, which has invalidated the former grant to the petitioner. [*2 pages.*]
- Aug. 1.
Hope. 12. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Comrs. The Barking and Gravesend men have recovered the anchors and cables let slip, and employed them to their own use. Orders should be given to the justices of the peace to search for and secure them. Is going to Gravesend, and will act with Sir John Griffin. The hulks of the burnt ships may be of use; two were sold for 90*l.* Wishes they would appoint some officer to view the fire-ships, their demands being so unreasonable. They are unserviceable. Has sent ships' officers on board to see and report what is wanting. The victualler has sent the provisions. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

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Aug. 1. 13. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. His Royal Highness will speak with the King as to refitting the fire-ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 1. 14. John Brooke and Wm. Rand to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of ships; ask orders about them. Will get the design of the yard at Sheerness drawn, and send it up. Gave Lord Brouncker their opinion as to clearing the river of the wrecks. His lordship has given orders not to send the Royal James and London down until peace is proclaimed. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 2. 15. Rich. Green to the Navy Comrs. Asks how provisions, &c. The Monmouth. named, which have been surveyed and cast by Lord Brouncker's order, are to be disposed of, as they pester the deck. Begs an order to the victualler for a fresh supply. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 2. 16. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Comrs. The bearer did his best to do service on the enemy, and deserves some reward, but finding the money in hand will be too short for other uses, recommends him to them. With note by Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs.: Is sorry the bearer has been sent a fruitless journey, but he must be ordered his money elsewhere. Aug. 3, 1667. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 2. 17. List of six prisoners—John Mills, John Hall, Thos. Smallbridge, Wm. Barrett, John Croscomb, and John Bromley, committed to the Gatehouse by Lord Arlington since June 15 inst. With note that all are discharged but John Croscomb, who is in prison for speaking seditious words at Chatham.
- Aug. 1. 18. Petition of Thos. Smallbridge, prisoner in the Gatehouse, Westminster, to Lord Arlington, for release. Is a loyal and peaceable subject, and a very poor man.
- Aug. 2. 19. Examination of John Bromley, silversmith, taken before [Lord Arlington]. Read a title of a certain book at a stall in Barbican; composed the note, and desired Astwood, a printer in Bell Alley, Golden Lane, to print it. *Annexing,*
19. I. *Advice to humble Christians to read a "seasonable, small, but very precious book, intituled A Trumpet blown in Sion, sounding an Alarm in God's holy Mountain. By a Poor Worm." Sold at the Black Spread Eagle, Barbican, for 10d., &c. [Printed.]*
- Aug. 2. 20. The King to Alex. Bishop of Salisbury. Has appointed Westminster. Dr. Ralph Bridocke to the deanery of Salisbury, void by death of Dr. Rich. Bayly, and requests his immediate investiture. [*Latin.*]
- Aug. 2. 21. James Hickes to Williamson. Sends accounts for the month London. past, delayed by attendance on Sir John [Bennet], and the severity of service imposed on him. Capt. Carr is dissatisfied that they intend the graving and painting the map to be done by some other hand, and not by him. He was importunate about it, and vows if he

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can find it in any man's hands, he will tear it to pieces, though he be hanged at the door. Intimates this, that they may caution the person to whom it is entrusted to keep it from the view of any until it is finished. Gave the woman 10s. for the Lady Day quarter, and 10s. for Midsummer, for her pains. Sends the map by his son, who can give account how things are carried on.

Aug. 2. 22. John Smith to Williamson. The Dutch fleet was seen at a great
Margate. distance north-east, two days ago, but cannot now be discerned.

Aug. 2. 23. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. De Ruyter sent a white flag
Plymouth. with an officer to Cassum, to treat for fresh meat for the general. Sir Jonathan Trelawney answered, that the Lord Lieutenant, the Earl of Bath, should be advised of the demand. It was agreed to send Sir J. Trelawney, Mayor Sparkes, and Mr. Windome. De Ruyter welcomed them with 13 guns, and De Witt and Dolman met them at the great cabin. Having discoursed their intentions, they sat down to drink. The first health was His Majesty, with 13 guns; the States, with 11, many others with nine, seven, and five guns; they fired in all 81 pieces of ordnance. All were very glad to hear of the peace, having received no letters these three weeks. They said they had no orders to burn houses, nor meddle with men ashore. They sailed thence, probably bound for Ireland. Sent the Drake to watch them, and if they go to the eastward, to return, but if to the westward, to make the best of her way to Ireland to advise Sir Jeremiah Smith, that he may proceed to defend himself and company in that harbour, as also to advise the rest of the ships on that coast to be careful.

Aug. 2. 24. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. The Dutch fleet has gone with-
Plymouth. out any attempt. Two capers brought into their fleet four rich prizes belonging to London; three of them came from Genoa, which they took in the Soundings. It is feared that part of the Dutch fleet is gone into the Soundings, to intercept the Virginia and Barbadoes fleet.

Aug. 2. 25. John Clarke to Williamson. Some Dutch in their boats gave
Plymouth. an alarm to Cassum, a small town two miles distant, but were fired on by the musketeers, and forced to return to their ships. They afterwards sent a boat ashore at the same place, with a flag of truce, for fresh victuals and water; whereupon Sir Jonathan Trelawney, who commanded in chief, came to the Earl of Bath, who sent him and three others aboard De Ruyter, where was one of the De Witts and Dolman. Knows not what discourse passed, only that they said they intended to sail next day, which they did, and that they were glad the peace was concluded. The Earl sent them a supply of provisions, and the messenger who carried it aboard reports they had taken three of our merchantmen that came from the Straits, and one from Barbadoes. The whole fleet stood direct off to the sea.

Aug. 2. 26. John Clarke to Jas. Hicke. To the same effect.

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Aug. 2. 27. Thos. Waade to Williamson. Lord Fauconberg promised a
Whitehy. letter in his behalf, if he could find out anything to his advantage.
Desires one of the prize ships at Newcastle, yet uncondemned, at
the appraised value. Wishes Williamson to be part owner.
- Aug. 2. 28. Order in Council,—on petition of Albertus Otto Faber, for
Whitehall. release from his three years' imprisonment in Oxford Castle, as
nothing has been proved against him,—renewing the order of May 7
for his removal, and ordering that he be delivered to John Sumner,
messenger, and brought before Lord Arlington.
- Aug. 2. 29. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. A small collier from Sunder-
Lynn. land met with no enemy. Twenty colliers have sailed, having but
small force with them. All are very joyful to hear the conclusion of
peace, which begins to put life into trade again. Observes many
people sick of late with fevers.
- Aug. 2. 30. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The Governor, the Earl of Ogle,
Newcastle. came back from Berwick, took a view of his regiment, gave a good
sum of money to the officers to distribute amongst the soldiers, and
intends to leave Newcastle on Monday. The Earl of Carlisle has
given leave to the vessels bound to ports on that side Yarmouth to
sail, and 30 or 40 have done so with a convoy. Upon the news of
peace, all the Newcastle ships are sailing with speed.
- Aug. 1st. 31. Isaac Perrot to Louis Parant. Hopes to sell his buckles.
Rosen. His ship is still at Havre, not yet discharged. [*French.*]
- Aug. 2. 32. Sir John Robinson to Williamson. Has committed the
woman [Judith Singleton] to Newgate, for saying publicly that
she wished the King hanged on the highest tree in England.
Thinks the accusers, who are mean persons, will never prosecute;
but she confesses the fact, and says she was drunk.
- Aug. 2. Warrant to pay to George Cock 1,500*l.* on account, for the sick
and wounded in the fleet. [*Docquet.*]
- Aug. 2. Warrant to Sir Edw. Griffin to pay 20*l.* to the gentlemen of the
Chapel Royal, in lieu of three deer usually granted to them. [*Ent.
Book 23, p. 532.*]
- Aug. 2. Warrant to Mason to apprehend — Astwood, a printer.
Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 533.*]
- Aug. 2. Pass for Martinez Aberam and Adam Adam, two mariners, into
France. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 533.*]
- Aug. 3. Warrant to Sir Edward Spragg to deliver to the Earl of Craven,
for the King's service, all bricks or planks of old ships, and remains
of the fire-ships lately burnt near Tilbury Hope and Gravesend.
[*Ent. Book 23, p. 533.*]
- Aug. 3. Commission to Thos. Jones to be quarter-master to the regiment
Whitehall. of Guards under the command of Col. John Russell. [*Ent. Book 29,
p. 6.*]

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33. Chris. Sanderson to Williamson. Entreats repayment of 20*l.* advanced by him to the intelligencer, on Lord Arlington's promise of paying him quarterly beforehand. Had no advice that he was to be laid aside till the latter end of May.

Aug. 3.
Edinburgh.

34. Rob. Mein to Williamson. The session has risen, having sat two months administering justice, and liberated several ships taken privateers. The Council has appointed the Earls of Argyle, Athol, and Seaforth to have the oversight of the Highlands, with the effects of all thieves, and forfeitures of their associates, but they are to make up to every person what is stolen from them. Three of Sir Jeremy Smith's ships have come in with four prizes; one a man-of-war of 36 guns.

Aug. 3.
Milford.

35. Fras. Malory to James Hickey. The Tiger and Elias frigates are in the harbour, ready to sail with the first fair wind for Kinsale, to Sir Jeremiah Smith.

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36. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

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Bridlington.

37. John Bower to James Hickey. Forty colliers have passed southward; wishes they may get well to London.

Aug. 3.
Rye.

38. Capt. James Welsh to [Williamson]. Yesterday 20 sail passed through that bay westward, a great distance from the land. Guns were heard firing, as is usual in an engagement of a number of men-of-war, for the space of three or four hours. The fisher boats suppose them be French men-of-war from Holland, with merchant vessels in convoy, but the meaning of the guns is not known. A privateer of London coming from the westward espied a sail, and supposing it to be a merchantman, gave chase; the ship ran him till she had got him far from shore, and then tacked about and proved herself to be a Holland man-of-war of great force, and gave him chase so hard that she forced him aground near Rye, and there left him; he has got off, and stands to sea again.

Aug. 3.
4 A.M.
Aldborough.

39. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Three Dutch men-of-war still ride in the bay, one of them a flag-ship. They manned two boats, and took a small pink coming from the southward. Twenty or thirty more Dutch men-of-war are to the south-east.

Aug. 3.

40. Sir Wm. Bolton, Lord Mayor of London, to Williamson. The title of the letter should be, "To our right trusty and well-beloved Sir Wm. Bolton, Knight, Lord Mayor of our city of London, and to our trusty and well-beloved the Aldermen and Commons in Common Council assembled." Though long, less words will not apply direct to the court. Desires him to send it with all speed; must have a Common Council the beginning of the week.

Aug. 3.
Harwich.

41. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. At a council of war held by Sir Joseph Jordan on board the Francis, the behaviour of the fire-ships was examined, and several of the commanders secured for not having done their duty against the enemy, in order to a further trial by another court; 20 sail of the Dutch fleet still lie at their old anchoring in the Gunfleet.

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Aug. 3. 42. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The Governor intends going
Newcastle. from that place on Monday; he leaves behind the character of
a prudent well-tempered nobleman, and has so far gained the
affections of all men, that if his lordship ever has occasion to raise
men, he may command all that wish well to His Majesty and the
country.
- Aug. 3. 43. Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. The Pearl frigate from Mil-
Bristol. ford Haven, and a hoy laden with paper, pitch, and brandy, report
the coast clear. Two Virginia ships are brought into Brest; one
belonging to Bristol, the other a Londoner. There is much rejoicing
for the peace; only some lurking spirits report it to be very disad-
vantageous for trade and fishing, and though they know nothing of
it, yet must be crossing anything that goes well.
- Aug. 3. 44. John Clarke to Williamson. An Ostender reports that he
Plymouth. met a ketch from the States of Holland, seeking the Dutch fleet,
with orders to De Ruyter to return home with his fleet.
- Aug. 3. 45. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Notices of ships. Seven
Hull. colliers arrived from Newcastle saw no capers on the coast.
- Aug. 3. 46. Willm. Battie to Williamson. But for the tidings of peace,
Alderton. would have sent an express concerning the posture of the Dutch
fleet, since their return from the river, as it has had the show of a
design to attempt Landguard Fort a second time. Particulars of
their motions. Believes they will take their leave this morning.
Asks him to assure his Royal Highness that he has carefully observed
the fleet.
- Aug. 3. 47. John Prowd and thres others to the Navy Comrs. Appraise-
ment of 15 merchant ships and two smacks named, taken up for
the service, including the hulls and as much of the furniture as
belongs to the owners, varying from 165*l.* to 987*l.* each. [*Adm.*
Paper.]
- Aug. 3. 48. W. Fownes to Thos. Hayter. Asks whether the watchmen,
Deptford. lately under restraint, are to be entered again in that capacity, or
only as labourers. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 3. 49. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Victualling of ships; 40
Ipswich. sail of the Dutch fleet ride off Harwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 3. 50. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. Desires to know the state
of the Navy debt, and to have the totals of the victualler's esti-
mates for the last three years. There is no question but that, where
the commanders of the fire-ships are rewarded, the men have the
same right. Capt. Shelley's case should be specially reported by the
Commissioners, when they attend his Royal Highness. [*Adm.*
Paper.]
- Aug. 3. 51. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. Is sorry he cannot hope
for the account before Monday. The Commissioners of the Revenue
meet this afternoon to make up their representation to His Majesty,
in which the Navy bears a great part. Without the account,

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must delay the representation, which, for many reasons, he wishes hastened. If perfected to May 25, it will serve the purpose. Asks what the Tangiers Commissioners owed either to merchants, victuallers, or garrison, as the Commissioners have charged the writer with putting the several prices together. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 4. 52. Capt. Ben. Young to Mr. Hayter. Asks for 20 blank tickets, The Yarmouth, being often called upon by widows whose husbands have been Portsmouth. slain or died in the ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 4. 53. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. The Dutch fleet was seen Falmouth. two leagues west of the Lizard. The country is in a posture of defence. The Sorlings has come in from Mount's Bay, where she has left a Dutch prize of 200 tons, laden with wine and brandy. A vessel from Kinsale reports that Sir Jeremy Smith is there with 40 or 50 men-of-war, and several prizes, of which two are East Indianmen of very great value.

Aug. 4. 54. M. Scott to Williamson. Twelve great ships, supposed to Berwick. be Dutch men-of-war, sailed by Exmouth from the south, and a French privateer has been seen cruising between Bamborough and Berwick. A Scotch privateer has sent in a small Dutch victualler, bound, as it is thought, for the Dutch fleet.

Aug. 4. 55. Sir Jo. Bennet to Williamson. His brother [Lord Arlington] Sunday. desires Williamson to see that the post proclamation, and the reading of it are entered of record at the Council, and to send the privy seal for his perusal, before it is offered to the King.

Aug. 4. 56. Lord Chamberlain Manchester to Lord Arlington. The privy seal which [John] Banister had for a particular band of violins was given, by the King's special command, to Lewis Grabu, master of the music, but a stop was made, on Banister's petition that he might receive arrears due in the Exchequer. The whole band of Violins complaining that Banister had wronged them in their share, thinks fit, upon hearing all parties, that the master of the music should receive it, and will himself see it justly distributed. His Majesty was well pleased therewith, and wishes his privy seal to pass as it is drawn.

Aug. 4. 57. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. All things are in good con- Portsmouth. dition, and no ships stir out or in, save one or two with some concerns belonging to English merchants. Lords Gerard and Windsor are still there, and the Revenge and Mary Rose are ready to go to sea.

Aug. 4. 58. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. Heard shooting yesterday Portsmouth. from morning to evening, but cannot guess what it was. Lord Gerard and his lady are at Portsmouth. Supposes the enemy will not attempt anything, the peace being concluded.

Aug. 4. 59. Jo. Lindsey to James Hickey. The Dutch are returned from 8 P.M. the westward, and are now in sight. They number 48. Portsmouth.

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Plymouth.

60. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The Nonsuch returned, being chased in by Dutch scouts and small men-of-war left to annoy the coast; she judges the Dutch fleet is gone westward. She met an Ostender at sea, which saw a Holland pink, having two letters for calling back De Ruyter, and both merchant and master have signed to that effect before Sir John Skelton. *Annexing,*

60. 1. *Examination of Paul Dubois, merchant, and Nicholas Lubie, master of the St. Clara of Nieuport, taken before Sir John Skelton, Lieut. Governor of Plymouth. Coming from the Canaries met with a fly-boat, with two open letters: one from the States General to De Ruyter, informing him that the peace was concluded, and that he was to return home with his fleet; the other was a direction to the skipper how to find out the fleet.*

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Aug. 5.
Carlisle.

61. Mary Pattinson to Williamson. Entreats his continued assistance in her settlement in the postmaster's place at Carlisle.

Aug. 5.
Charlton.

62. Dr. T. Lamplugh to Williamson. Thanks for his ilities and excellent venison. Dr. Smith, Mr. Newman, Nat. Gyles, and Halton, remembered him very kindly at the eating of it. Is going to Daventry.

Aug. 5.
4 P.M.
Aldborough.

63. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The small pink taken by the three Dutch men-of-war rides at the harbour's mouth. Supposes they have manned and made a man-of-war of her, to lie skulking for any vessels that should come. Besides those three in the bay, can discover 30 to the south-east.

Aug. 5.
Weymouth.

64. John Pocock to James Hickes. Eighteen or twenty sail of ships are standing to the east, and several broadsides heard. A Portuguese carvel arrived from Portsmouth, to shelter himself from a sloop which anchored off Portland, and has made off to sea again.

Aug. 5.
Pendennis.

65. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The Sorlings arrived from Scilly, having left his prize at Penzance. The Dutch fleet was seen two days since off the Mount's Bay. The country is in a very good posture of defence, and ready and willing for His Majesty's service.

Aug. 5.
Swansea.

66. John Man to Williamson. All is quiet. The people are overjoyed to hear of a peace, and in daily expectation to have it proclaimed.

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Truro.

67. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Could not write before, having been commanded with his company to guard the prisoners at Exeter. The Dutch are gone to the eastward without doing anything remarkable.

Aug. 5.
Dowl.

68. Ri. Watts to Williamson. It is a great satisfaction to the country that the army will be disbanded. If the report be true that

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one of our flagmen with his small squadron has taken 10 Dutch ships homeward bound, it will treble repay our losses. Some broadsides and single guns have been heard to-day, supposed off Flanders.

Aug. 5.
Margate.

69. John Smith to Williamson. A vice-admiral, three men-of-war, and a tender of the Dutch ride about a league from the shore, but do not attempt anything. Now and then more are seen off the offing.

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70. Wm. Leving to Robt. Benson, clerk of the assize at York. During his compliance with the fanatics, was always faithful to them; after his eyes were opened that he knew better, and His Majesty was pleased to pardon and employ him, was excused from reflection upon anything that was past, to the accusation of any person, but was to be as instrumental as he could in future, which he has ever since been. Desires therefore to be excused witnessing anything against Jones, Atkinson, or Joplin; they are men he has nothing to say against, having been very little concerned with them. With note that the letter was found on the writer, when dead, at York.

Aug. 5.
Lyne.

71. Ant. Thorold to James Hickey. The Virginia fleet of 50 sail is said to have arrived at Kinsale. Hears of no attempt made by the Dutch since they came the second time upon that coast. They are going off, but guns have been heard several days from the westward.

Aug. 5.
Whitehall.

Licence for Joannes Michaphilo, a mountebank, to dispose of his medicines, and practice his skill in medicine and surgery, in any city, town or borough of the kingdom, none disturbing him, nor erecting stages near any erected by him. [*Ent. Book 25, ff. 26b, 27.*]

Aug. 5.
Tower.

72. Henry Oldenburg to Lord Arlington. Begs him to hasten the presenting his petition to the King for release, which he will acknowledge with real, not verbal gratitude. If detained longer, will have to be turned into another prison for debt, when released from that.

Aug. 5.
Dover.

73. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Two small prizes, laden with salt, are sent in by a boat belonging to a fire-ship. The King of Sweden's resident went over in the packet-boat to Nieuport yesterday.

Aug. 5.
Yarmouth.

74. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The three great Dutch men-of-war were seen off Southwold yesterday, and six off the back of Yarmouth Sands. A fleet of loaded colliers is near, coming from the northward. Major Horsnell and Capt. Pettus are come to Yarmouth to enlist men for Flanders, expecting the disbanding of the soldiers there. If he were young, could take this for the year 1641. The same game is now a playing. The people are as insolent in their speeches against those that govern, and mutter and murmur as if there were as great a difference between the King and Parliament as then; nay, they are come to taking parts to justify and

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condemn. Prays that the King may have clemency, and endeavour to win them by love, and not be unkind to himself, and by it bring such a burden upon himself as he cannot cast off with safety.

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West Cowes.

75. John Lysle to Williamson. The master of the *St. Katherine* of Fredericstadt reports that on 18th July there were at Brest 44 French men-of-war and 11 fire-ships, one of the latter being an East Indiaman, lately taken from the English; and that Monsieur Beaufort was also there with his ship, and four more, to wash and tallow; also that seven French men-of-war lie cruising between Ushing and Sorlinga. He met the Dutch fleet under De Ruyter cruising between Falmouth and Plymouth, and was commanded to go aboard, but could not have an audience with De Ruyter, he being very sick of a fever, till he came to anchor with the whole fleet in Plymouth; he was then cleared. He met with a Rotterdam pink sent to let De Ruyter know peace was concluded, and heard great shooting the next day; believes it was from the fleet, for joy of the news. He met near the Isle of Wight nine great new French men-of-war, built in Holland, with a new ketch of six guns, all bound to Brest, having under their conduct 30 merchantmen. The admiral told him of the peace, and that the Flandrians have already set out eight privateers against the French. The Berkshire and Wiltshire forces departed this day to their own homes. [2 pages.]

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Harwich.

76. J. Maddocks to the Navy Comrs. The storekeeper was wrong in saying that the timber was bad, and that there was a private contract between the writer and Capt. Deane and the commissioner. Was ordered to send 20 loads of timber, at a fair price. Sent 21½ loads, which Capt. Deane certified was good and fit for the service, and made use of it; yet Mr. Taylor, the storekeeper, would not give his receipt, although a considerable abatement was made; waited on him a whole day for it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 5.
Portsmouth.

77. St. J. Steventon to Wm. Hewers, Navy Office. Sends a muster book and tickets for the Portsmouth sloop. The captain has nothing to account for, being all the time in petty warrant, though the vessel was several times employed abroad, but knows not how to get his wages. Presses for his dispatch, he being a friend of Col. Middleton. Has none of the new books. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Chatham.

78. Edw. Gregory and three other Officers of the Dockyard to the Navy Comrs. The money left by Lord Brouncker is well nigh exhausted. Desire orders for the future. Have sufficient to satisfy the people this week, but if they are continued, shall need a supply. Have put off as many of the new listed seamen at 3s. a day as were negligent or insufficient, so that the whole charge of the yard will amount to little more than 300*l.* a week. The London is so leaky that three pumps are employed night and day. Intend to get her into the dock to stop her leaks. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Aug. 5. 79. Ph. Pett and two other Officers of the Dockyard to the Navy
Chatham. Comrs. Think 150*l.* will make the Edward and Eve ketch good,
and restore her to the condition she was in when sunk. Suppose
the furniture found wanting was taken away by the enemy, she
not being wholly sunk when they came up. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 6. 80. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Admiral De Ruyter is
Kinsale. on his way thither. The captain of the Drake saw the enemy's fleet
on the west of Scilly, plying for Kinsale; this puts all to prepare
for defence of the port. Gives particulars of the arrival of
ships, and application of stores. It was Capt. Robt. Moulton and
his company that were so disorderly and abusive at their former
being there; the Clerk of the Cheque cannot give a just account of
his musters on board the ship, many of the men being run. Re-
quires cables and sails. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 6. 81. Receipt by James Hooper and James Tarbet, appointed by
the Commissioners of Prizes taken by the Northern squadron,
from Capt. Francis Willshaw, commander of the Antelope, of the
St. Paul of Amsterdam, a prize taken by him, with all her guns,
furniture, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*
81. 1. *Inventory of the contents of the St. Paul of Amsterdam,*
taken by Capt. Francis Willshaw.
- Aug. 6. 82. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Forwards last month's account. An
Dover. order has arrived for receiving back the provisions sent into the
castles, but they have not yet come into store. The Dolphin and
Crown Mary fire-ships, taken up by Sir Thos. Teddeman, are in
harbour, each having 16 men; will send their muster books. [*Adm.*
Paper.]
- Aug. 6. 83. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. The Francis has taken in
Ipswich. 14 days' provisions; she was ordered a month's, but could not stow
it. Sends his accounts for July. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 6. 84. Sir Jo. Skelton, deputy-governor, to the Navy Comrs. Much
Plymouth Fort. money has been disbursed for repairing boats, since Lord Bath came
to govern, but never a penny received again. Wrote to the Ord-
nance, who referred him to their Honours. Asks whether they will
repay it, or to whom he must apply for satisfaction. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- [Aug. 6.] 85. Petition of John West, master and part owner of the Swan
pink of London, to the Navy Comrs., for an allowance of what this
vessel was worth, viz., 250*l.*, or for the Lamb prize of 35 tons instead.
[*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*
85. 1. *Petition of John West to the Navy Comrs., for an allowance*
of what his vessel was worth when taken, or for another of
the same value. His pink, lying at Harwich, was taken
up by Sir Joseph Jordan for a fire-ship, and burned

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at the Buoy of the Nore. With note by Sir Wm. Batten, that the valuation of the ships taken up is returned to Harwich, for the appraisers to take their oath, and when returned, order shall be taken accordingly.

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85. II. *Certificate by Sir Jos. Jordan, that the Swan of London was fired on board one of the enemy's ships near the Nore, on 26 July 1667.*

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85. III. *Certificate by Jo. Gregory, that the Swan of London, John West master, was impressed 13 June 1667, by order from Comr. Taylor; was appraised at 200*l.*; was fitted for a fire-ship, and burnt in service against the enemy near the Nore.*

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- Aug. ? 86. Petition of Sir Samuel Jones to the King, for a full hearing of his case before Council. Was at great charge in execution of his warrant of 28 March 1661, to preserve the game within 10 miles of Northampton; and his servants, having taken a low bell from Rich. Plowman, jun., of Blisworth, were beset by Rich. Plowman, sen., and eight others, who wounded three of them. Four rioters were sent for, but were heard before Council, and dismissed; they were also tried at Northampton assizes, but discharged on a plea that they had been discharged by Council; now the rioters maliciously prosecute the petitioner and his servants, on pretence of words spoken against them, and the jury have given a verdict of 100*l.* damages.

- Aug. 6. 87. Edw. Hales to Williamson. If reason and justice be with the case sent, will be obliged in anything done. Thinks them not criminal, but submits it all to his better judgment. *Encloses,*

87. I. *Narrative of the case of Rich. Plowman and several others, as to an assault committed on them, in Oct. 1665, by three servants of Sir Sam. Jones, who also caused them to be confined in prison at Oxford 17 days, and then left them to their remedy at law. After several trials, in which the verdict was given against Sir Samuel, he has had them taken into custody of a messenger, for contempt of the King's authority.*

- Aug. 6. 88. Sir Jonathan Trelawney to Williamson. The Dutch appearing
Dartmouth. before Dartmouth, was commanded to march thither from Totness, and when he arrived, not a ship was to be seen. Heard great shouting from the sea yesterday, which seemed not as a close fight, but chasing, as some apprehend, of the Virginia fleet. A little bustle arose between some sailors and his soldiers, but being near when it began, prevented mischief, having secured the seaman who gave the occasion, and dispersed the rest: the Colonel sent the seaman aboard the ship he belonged to. Never came to a more factious place; though he and his men are there to preserve the town, the

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people treat them severely, giving out they are Papists, the scum of Goring, and trappanners of poor people for Tangiers. Suffers all for the King's service, otherwise flesh and blood could not endure to hear themselves so scurrilously reproached. Believes it is the people's design to provoke them to mischief, that they may have an occasion to play their old tricks, but they shall not do it. The disbanding of the new raised troops makes him renew his request to Lord Arlington for a commission to go with Lord Middleton to Tangiers, as without employment he sees but a miserable life at home.

Aug. 6.
Hull.

89. Col. Anth. Gilby to Williamson. Hearing that Lord Arlington has summoned all the postmasters to renew their patents, recommends his friend Mr. Philipps, the postmaster of Bawtry, as a very honest man, and is confident Sir Philip Frowde will give him the same character. Brought him into the place, and would gladly keep him there. [*Damaged.*]

Aug. 6.

90. Sir Jo. Bennet to Lord Arlington. Desires him to sign some articles and regulations sent, that they may be restored to the office, where they have use for many acts and proclamations. Pays four times as much to his lordship's printer as his own will serve them at. Asks licence for the office printer to print as many as they use themselves. With query, whether my Lord or His Majesty ought to pay for the proclamations for the Post Office, it being for the Duke's revenue.

Aug. 6.
Richmond
Borough.

91. Certificate by James Darcy and eight others, that Christopher Thwaites of Greta bridge, co. York, has been postmaster for four years, and is still able and fit for the office; also requesting that as he has received no salary answerable to his pains, except a part for the two first years, he may have such a settlement as is thought fit.

Aug. 6.
Plymouth.

92. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Several merchant ships bound for London are expecting the good hour when they may proceed. Lord Gerard and his lady are gone to the Isle of Wight for Southampton, to view all the fortifications, and intend suddenly for Whitehall.

Aug. 6.
Plymouth.

93. John Clarke to James Hickeys. The Earl of Bath had an express yesterday from Dartmouth, that the Dutch fleet appeared before the town on Sunday; but as nothing has been heard since, believes they are gone before this.

Aug. 6.

94. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

Aug. 6.
Warwick.

95. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Spy found 19 sail of the Dutch at anchor on Bardsey Sand, and five between Orfordness and Aldborough. Hopes the news of Sir John Harman, which they hear there with so much gladness, will prove true. Lieut.-Col. Wood asks what is intended as to disbanding the new raised forces, and when the peace will be proclaimed.

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Aug. 6. 96. John Maurice to James Hickey. The town is glad that the
Minehead. parliament is put by, as they were afraid of being questioned for
importing Irish cattle. All are quiet, and earnestly longing to have
the peace proclaimed.
- Aug. 7. 97. John Pocock to Williamson. Multitudes of guns were heard
Weymouth. yesterday from the south-west of the Isle of Portland, and this
morning a fleet of 50 sail is in sight; by their standing, judges
them to be coming for Weymouth, so that the drums are beating an
alarm.
- Aug. 7. 98. "Advices received," being memoranda from letters all calen-
dared above. [1½ pages.]
- Aug. 7. 99. Fras. Malory to James Hickey. The Tiger and Elias are still
Milford. in the harbour, hound for Kinsale; the Mermaid is about land, with
some colliers under her convoy.
- Aug. 7. 100. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.
- Aug. 7. 101. Thos. Holden to Williamson. The Dutch fleet was seen
Fismouth. on Sunday off the Lizard, but came not nigh to make any attempt;
news was sent to the castle that they are before Scilly, and might
make an attempt, there being much shooting heard. Are in a
posture of defence there, if they should try to land, which is not
much feared. The country can hardly believe a peace, there being
such preparation for war, and no proclamation. The Panther
privateer has put to sea.
- Aug. 7. 102. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. To similar effect.
- Aug. 7. 103. Joann Clarke to Williamson. Lord Bath has advice from
Plymouth. Col. Buller, governor of Scilly, and from Sir Wm. Godolphin, that
50 sail of Dutch lie about Scilly, and landed some men upon one of
the islands that was not inhabited, but it was doubted they would
assault the grand island. A Swede come in reports that 30 sail of
Dutch lie off Dartmouth.
- Aug. 7. 104. Rich. Bower to Williamson. There are 48 sail of colliers,
Yarmouth. &c., arrived; six came from Iceland and Westphalia, their loading
being fish and cloth. The Orange frigate, commanded by Capt.
Freeman, came with them as far as the Spurn, and stole away in
the night. The masters in the fleet made oath before the bailiffs,
that the captain drew them out with promise of seeing them safe
into Yarmouth Road, upon which he received money from several
of them; when they came off Flamborough Head, he sent his
pinnace aboard, and got the money from the rest, and that night left
them. There are not eight guns amongst the 48 sail, so they would
have been a fit prey for any small capers. With note that the
captain had orders from Lord Carlisle to see them no farther than the
Humber, and then to pursue other orders; and that if affidavit he
made of his having exacted money, he shall be punished.
- Aug. 7. 105. James Welsh to Williamson. A dogger privateer has come
Rye. in, of which Capt. Tite is commander.

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10 a.m.
Weymouth.

106. C. S[awtell] to Edm. Sawtell. A great fleet of ships is now in the West Bay, not far from Portland, generally thought to be Dutch, and the drums are beating an alarm.

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Hull.

107. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. 'Arrival and departure of vessels. Every day vessels are passing by the Humber, as if they had an open trade.

Aug. 7.
Whitchall.

Warrant to the Treasury Comrs. to order the passing under the great seal of a grant to Fras. Ridley and Rich. Holman of the office of Receiver of the Revenue, cos. Oxon and Berks, on surrender thereof, by Michael Holman and Mark Cottle. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 27.*]

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Pass for the Ascension of Genoa to go from Plymouth to Barbadoes, on security to return to England. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 26 b.*]

Aug. 7.
Bristol.

108. Proposals concerning the destruction of English tobacco, showing that the Act therefor is imperfect, giving the power of destroying it only to such magistrates as receive information of it; that it is grown throughout Gloucestershire, even on the land of justices of the peace, and that as half the profits of the land are paid to the owners for rent, their interest forbids them to destroy it: that by the King's order, given to the High Sheriff of Gloucestershire, August 2, with a list of places where tobacco is growing, it was ordered to be cut down, and the names of the owners returned to Council; suggesting, as a remedy, a letter from the King to the Judges of Assize for Gloucestershire, ordering returns to be made of what is done, and setting fines for neglect; and that as much tobacco is also grown in the neighbouring counties, a strong prohibition be issued against its sale, and a commission given to search for and destroy it. [*3½ pages.*]

Aug. 7.
Dover.

109. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. The St. Paul and the Crown Mary fire-ships have been tallowed, and will soon be ready for sea. The latter ship and the Dolphin, with their fireworks, will cost 895*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* Has delivered the Navy and Ordnance accounts, with the appraisements, to Sir Thos. Teddeman. Was forced to pay for what he could, and promise a certain day for the rest. Asks for money, being in arrears and very poor. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Hull.

110. William Blaydes to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of operations on a ship [the Victory], with account of her condition. Worked all night, as she came in one morning, and went out the next. The skipper of the Hendricke Soise wants to deliver at Hull, though consigned for London. He has a great quantity of long deals, &c. Sends the accounts for the Swallow and Oxford. Was troubled that Capt. Basse should go away without signing, but has his hand for what his officers had. They drive their business to the last hour, and set off as soon as it is done. Is extremely straitened for money. Mr. Pointer set him to work on a dogger, and to

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furnish the Little Victory, promising to pay him every week, yet cannot get a penny. Asks if he may have one of the divers prizes in the haven. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 7. 111. Ph. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Had just occasion for sus-
Chatham Dock. pending Robt. Taylor, pump-maker, for misdemeanors, and neglect of fitting the pumps for the Victory, which occasioned an unnecessary charge; he also spoke slightly of the service. Is sorry they suspect him of a design against Taylor. Did not deny to acquaint Mr. Gregory with the names of the crews of eight boats, but had no other list than what he gave Lord Brouncker at his last being at Chatham. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

111. I. Ph. Pett to Mr. Gregory. *Prays him to suspend Robt. Taylor, pump-maker, for misdemeanor and neglect of duty.* July 31, 1667.

Aug. 7. 112. Sir G. Downing to the Navy Comrs. The Treasury Comrs.
Treasury desire an account from their purveyor of all timber had from
Chambers, Whitehall. Sir John Wintour. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 7. 113. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Sends two letters
had from Capt. Cox, as to the commander of the Providence endeavouring to get a carpenter put in instead of Bagwell. Asks their opinion thereon. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 8. 114. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. Did not think they
Edinburgh. would have employed him to his great charge, and left him to the clamour of the seamen, after they had got a certified account of wages and all. Hopes better of them, after 29 years' service, than to let his credit be impeached in obeying their orders. Has neither pay, pension, place, nor respect for his service to the Crown. His only joy is that he has been a loyal servant to the King. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 8. 115. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Comrs. Victualling of ships
to Aug. 15. The victualler's irregularity in furnishing them sometimes with money and sometimes with wood and candles, gives no small trouble. Some of the captains have furnished at their own charge; notwithstanding this, has ordered them to take what is now brought down. The ships are victualled with Cheshire cheese, half a pound for a pound, which the men extremely grumble at. One of Sir Jos. Jordan's fire-ships has arrived; has ordered her a fortnight's provisions. She has her boat staved, and has lost all her small arms, and the opportunity of doing service, and was forced into Faversham. Shall be unfit to do any service if the enemy come up this spring-tide. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Aug. 8. 116. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Sends a letter from
Sir Edw. Spragg, with his reply open, that they may write to him accordingly, if they approve. Has not received the papers to be

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given in to the committee [for expenses] that day, though his Royal Highness desired to have the present establishment of officers till the old list can be found. Asks them to hasten it, that the Navy may not seem most backward to reformation, which all the world thinks needs it most; also to look over the demand for gunner's stores from Sir Edw. Spragg, and, if they find them necessary, to send it to the Ordnance. The money paid irregularly by Mr. Waith's clerk, Solomons, is retrieved, and may be used as they direct. [*Adm. Paper.*]

- Aug. 8. 117. Affidavit by Geo. Coleman and three others, before John Hunter, mayor of Harwich, and Jo. Gregory, clerk of the cheque, that being appointed by Sir Joseph Jordan, Comr. Taylor, and Capt. Deane, for the appraising of certain ships taken into the service 13 June last, they have set a true valuation upon each ship and her materials. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

117. I. *Appraisement of 26 ships named, with their age, burden, commanders' names, &c. Harwich, June 26, 1667.*

- Aug. 8. Commissions for Edw. Musgrave to be ensign, and Baril Fielding lieutenant to Sir Edw. Musgrave, at Carlisle. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 177.*]

- Aug. 8. Warrant for the title of Baronet to William Neale, of Woolaston, co. Northampton. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 533.*]

- Aug. 8. Pass for the St. Michael with marble, from Genoa to Havre-de-Grace. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 535.*]

- Aug. 8. Grant of pardon to John Hide of barratry, for which he was convicted at the sessions for Norfolk. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 534.*]

- Aug. 8. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs, for unlading and discharge of the ship Fisher, laden with madders, the property of English merchants, a former warrant proving ineffectual because she was not laden with deals and pantiles, as therein described. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 534.*]

- Aug. 8. The King to the Marquis of Worcester, constable of St. Brevell's Castle, and warden of the Forest of Dean. The late King having issued a commission to Sir Charles Harbord, surveyor-general, and others, for improvement of the wastes of the Forest of Dean, the lands and tenements of those claiming common right, who assented to the improvement, were freed from the jurisdiction of forest laws; also the Forest Courts were discontinued, to the great destruction of timber, and retardment of its future growth. The Courts of Attachment and Swainmote are therefore to be held, and the forest laws kept, relative to purprestures and other offences, excepting therefrom only those freeholders who assented to the improvements as beforesaid. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 535-6.*]

- [Aug. 8.] 118. Draft of the above. [*1½ pages.*]

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Proclamation, offering 100*l.* reward for apprehension of John Lockier, Tim. Butler, Capt. Thos. Blood, John Mason, and others; the former of whom rescued John Mason at Darrington, near Wenthridge, co. York, from the guard who were conveying him from the Tower to York Castle, to be tried for treason, and killed and wounded several of the guard. [*Printed. Procs. Coll., Charles II., p. 246.*]

[Aug. 8.] 119. Draft of the above.

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Whitehall.

Reference on the petition of Richard Earl of Dorset, for a market to be kept one or two days in a week, to the attorney or solicitor general, who are to issue a writ of *ad quod damnum* thereon. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 253.*]

Aug. 8.
Whitehall.

120. Petition of Henry Marquis of Worcester to the King, for a grant of the reversions remaining in the Crown, of the manors and granges of Chalton, co. Hants, and Crokeham, co. Berks, and other lands in South Wales belonging to the dissolved monastery of Tintern, granted to his ancestors by Henry VIII. to enable him to raise money to discharge debts contracted by his father, which much encumber his estate. With reference thereon to the Treasury Comrs; their reference, 13 Sept. 1667, to Attorney General Palmer, to know how the grant requested may concern the King, or the heirs of the estate. His report, 2 Oct. 1667, that nothing would bar the reversions to the Crown except a grant of them, but that there are many heirs of Edward Earl of Worcester, who lived to see 140 of his own body, and eight heirs male of William Lord Herbert, his son. Further reference of the Treasury Comrs, 29 Oct. 1667, requesting the Attorney General to draw up a grant of the said reversions. Report of Attorney General Palmer, Nov. 25, that the petitioner stands seized of certain estates in Berkshire and Hampshire, to him and the heirs male of William Lord Herbert, afterwards Earl of Worcester, with reversion in fee to the Crown; and also to estates in Wales, by letters patent of 10 March, 28 Hen. VIII., to him and the heirs of Henry sometime Earl of Worcester, father of Earl William, with the like reversion. The yearly value of the manors in Berkshire and Hampshire is 485*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.*, and the granges in South Wales 405*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* The petitioner proffers to settle certain manors in Monmouthshire, of the yearly rent of 1,180*l.*, to the use of himself for life; then to the use of the Earl of Essex and Sir Henry Capel and their heirs, to preserve the contingent remainders thereof; then to the use of the Marchioness of Worcester his wife; then to their sons in tail male; then to the petitioner; then partly to the heirs of Henry Earl of Worcester, with remainder in the Crown, partly to the heirs male of William Lord Herbert and his heirs, remainder in the Crown. Conceives the King's reversion in fee will be secure by such a settlement, and cannot be taken from him without his consent; but that all the estates to the other persons will be barrable by those who have the estates tail of the premises; whereas the estates tail of the lands, the reversion whereof is now desired out of the Crown, was protected by that reversion from being harred. And final report of the Treasury Comrs, Dec. 9, advising the grant of the petition.

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Aug. 8. Entry of the first reference of the preceding petition to the Treasury Comrs. [*Ent. Book* 18, p. 254.]
- Aug. 8. Reference recommending to the Treasury Comrs. the petition of
Whitehall. Sir Bernard Gascoigne for a lease of the imposition of 5s. per ton on all French vessels, at the rent of 1,000*l.* a year, the King wishing to gratify the petitioner for his eminent zeal and services to his late Majesty and himself during the rebellion. [*Ent. Book* 18, p. 255.]
- Aug. 8. 121. John Bower to James Hickey. Most of the ships remain in
Bridlington. harbour till hostilities cease. The Earl and Countess of Buckingham, and other persons of honour have visited the fort, which was found completely fitted and furnished; the governor and the rest of the gentry received them with great kindness.
- Aug. 8. 122. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Four great Dutch men-of-
4 a.m. war still ride in the bay, and there are more to the Southward,
Aldborough. where there has been great shooting these two days; 50 small colliers all laden, and four Iceland barks are come into Yarmouth Haven.
- Aug. 8. 123. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. All things are quiet, no
Portsmouth. ships stirring in or out of harbour, expecting to have the seas open for trade. Shall wait upon him when he comes to London.
- Aug. 8. 124. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Scilly is besieged by the
Truro. Dutch, and it is reported that they are possessed of one of the outward islands, and have sent out their boats, and sounded in the chief harbour, in spite of all our great guns. People there are in some trouble about it; trusts they are well enough provided against any attempt the enemy can make.
- Aug. 8? 125. Names of 19 keepers of forests, parks, chases, and game for
the year 1667, with the sum paid to each, amounting to 650*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.*
- Aug. 8. Papers relating to the Jewel House, viz. :—
Jewel House. 126, 127. Certificates of all the annual receipts and disbursements, &c., of the office of the Jewel House. Two papers. [*4 pages.*]
128. Account of the perquisites of the Master of the Jewel House as they formerly were, being 1,211*l.* a year, and as they now are, being 181*l.*
129. Sir Gilbert Talbot to [the Committee for regulating the King's expenses]. Cannot satisfy that part of their Honors' order requiring a copy of the Establishment of the Jewel House in the first year of the late King, as all the books are embezzled. The charge since the coming in of His Majesty is high, by reason that he was forced at his entrance to buy—1, his whole stock of plate; 2, the crown, sceptre, and regalia; 3, collars and Georges; 4, maces; 5, plate to Ludlow; and, 6, extraordinary gifts; all which have been charged upon the writer by the Lord Chamber-

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lain's warrants. Regulation and retrenchment can be made by none but His Majesty, in being sparing of his gift. Is answerable to His Majesty for every ounce of old plate, and there is no cast plate there, as in all other offices, to the profit of the officer. Can give no account of a great part of his office, because the jewels pass through other hands, and are not entered in his books. His Majesty owes Sir Robt. Vyner above 34,000*l.* of the 116,000*l.* expended in the Jewel House these last seven years. If His Majesty charge not extraordinarily upon the Jewel House, the annual charge may be reduced to 8,000*l.*

Aug. 8. 130. Board of Green Cloth to the Commission for considering the
Board of Green King's expenses. In answer to their request for an account of the
Cloth. present establishment of the King's household under the Board's inspection, and of how it stood in the 7th year of the late King, send them the books of the 14th and 16th of the late King, the first being at 120,000*l.*, the latter at 100,000*l.* a year; also of the 6th year of the late King; the whole charge of the house and stable, with the increases granted by the King, cannot be defrayed for less than 106,000*l.*

Aug. 8. 131. The Treasury Comrs. (7) to Sir Robt. Long, &c. In execution
Treasury of an order, signed by the late Lord Treasurer, for payment
Chamber, to John Alexander, the late King's shoemaker, out of the moiety
Whitehall. of leather seized and forfeited to His Majesty's use, of 646*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.*, balance remaining due to him, they are to cause tallies to be struck for the same, and, as part thereof, to pay 8*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* forfeited by Philip Aden and Hen. Goddard for seizures as aforesaid.

Aug. 8. 132. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Dutch keep their
Harwich. station near Bardsey Sands. The air is hazy, and the heat so violent that people can find neither rooms nor shade to cool them.

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Aug. 9. 1. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. A fire at Gaywood Common
Lynn. burnt two feet into the ground, half a furlong in breadth, and a quarter of a mile in length. Hundreds of people were employed to quench it, yet could not have done so but for an extraordinary shower of rain, which put an end to it. It is supposed to be caused by lightning, or by some man smoking tobacco. The Bay is very clear of the enemy.

Aug. 9. 2. Joh. Smith to Williamson. The Dutch still continue on the
Margate. coast, but have not made any attempt ashore. Some are very jealous by reason the peace is not proclaimed.

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Aug. 9. Order for a warrant to pay to Lady Villiers 600*l.* a year in lieu of a grant of 2*d.* in the pound on silver coinage. Similar to that of May 14. [*Ent. Book* 23, pp. 537-9.]
- Aug. 9.
Bristol. 3. Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. A small vessel, arrived from Spain, saw two ships, men-of-war, off the Land's End and the Channel, and heard 100 cannon towards the Eastward Cape. The merchants, being jealous for their own concerns, suspect that some of the Dutch fleet have met their Virginia and West India ships. It has blown a rank storm at west all day, which may send some of them upon a lee shore.
- Aug. 9.
Newcastle. 4. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Fifteen or sixteen colliers came in yesterday, and 100 small vessels at Sunderland. Two small doggers have been sent into Newcastle, and one had a packet for Van Ghent.
- Aug. 9.
Portsmouth. 5. Chas. Lord Gerard to Lord Arlington. Last night the Isle of Wight had the alarm of 40 Dutch ships standing eastward from Portland, and a little before, the Paradox frigate chased the Merlin, formerly in the English service, into the body of their fleet of 44 ships and boys, but the wind has blown so high that he believes they are past Dover by this. Endeavoured to get intelligence from the Isle of Wight, which shot great guns all night, but the tempest is too high; had like to have lost his boat. Does not much apprehend them, the wind being thus high, and besides is informed that these very ships helped another party that went westward with all their provisions. [2 pages.]
- Aug. 9.
Dartmouth. 6. Jo. Lyndsey to Williamson. Is informed that the Dutch are possessed of most of the islands of Scilly, and that most of the soldiers there are disabled by reason of a great contagion.
- Aug. 9.
Plymouth. 7. John Clarke to Williamson. The Drake frigate carried into Scilly a Dutch caper of 6 guns and 48 men, and proceeded on her voyage to inform Sir Jer. Smith that the Dutch fleet was sailing to the westward, which fleet, numbering 50 sail, appeared before the island, and landed some men on an outer island. An Ostender saw 14 sail off the Land's End. A Jerseyman from Cork reports that the Virginia fleet is arrived at Kinsale. The Vine of Yarmouth, laden with oil, has arrived.
- Aug. 9. 8. John Clarke to James Hickey. To the same effect.
- Aug. 9.
Plymouth. 9. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. On the 2d inst. the Drake took a small privateer of Flushing, with 6 guns and 48 men, and left her at Scilly, he proceeding to Kinsale, to advise Sir Jer. Smith of the Dutch fleet coming westward. Fifty-four of the Dutch fleet are before Scilly, and have sent in 20 boats to sound the harbour, to land men at Agnes, where they were ashore with a party. The island is well fortified, having 110 guns mounted; makes no question but they will defend themselves against all opposition.

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Capt. Akerman of the *Sorlings*, from Falmouth, met with a Jerseyman with provisions, who was chased ashore by two privateers the day before, but received no damage. She saw 14 great ships within three leagues of the Land's End, standing to the northward; she reports that 40 odd sail of Virginia ships are arrived at Kinsale.

Aug. 9.
Isle of Wight.

10. Sir Hen. Jones to Williamson. Received an order in Council for victualling Carisbrook and Sandham Castles with a month's provisions, and laid in 30,000 weight of biscuit and 50 quarters of salt, for which he stands indebted. Desires that the Navy victuallers may be obliged to take it, as expressed in the order of Council, so that the owners may receive satisfaction. If the King sends any forces into Flanders, begs he will solicit Lord Arlington to allow him to go with them.

Aug. 9.
Dover.

11. J. Carlisle to Williamson. Forty sail passed by to-day to the northward, supposed to be part of De Ruyter's fleet. The peace will be proclaimed in Holland on the 24th, and is generally desired. Lisle is besieged, and those within give out that they do not doubt but to see their great enemy very low in a short time. The Calais packet was plundered by a Dunkirker of 14 guns, and the goods in her, which belong wholly to his Royal Highness, taken. Sir Jo. Bennet came there last night, and dined at the Castle. Will not be so bold as to speak to him about the packet without Williamson's advice, being a stranger to him, but supposes he has come about settling post matters.

Aug. 9.
Chatham.

12. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Comrs. According to their letter of the 6th, has suspended the pump maker; troubled them for fear of extending his authority beyond its limits, finding nothing in his own or the master shipwright's instructions leading them to suspend a warrant officer without complaint first made. Supposes their confirmation implies a liberty to practise the like for the future. Requests to be informed whether, when a note from a master attendant or shipwright has procured a suspension, another like note shall not be prevalent to take off that suspension. Sends an account of stores supplied from the yard to Harwich since Dec. 1665. Shall enter 30 men upon the Guild de Ruyter, according to their order. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 9.
St. James's.

13. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Finds that in their account sent, they have omitted to mention the Earl of Sandwich as Vice-admiral, and have put in the Treasury porter twice. They should add the officers' charge on one ship of each rate in harbour. The purveyors of the Forests of Dean and Whittlewood should be made extraordinary, only two being allowed, one at Deptford and one at Woolwich. Supposes the officers of the sunk ships which are despaired of have been discharged, though he hears to the contrary. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 9.
Kinsale.

14. Sir. Jer. Smith to the Navy Comrs. Sends particulars of operations on ships named. Has continued some of the Dutch

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prisoners, who are laborious and civil, on board the East India prize, to prevent embezzlements. The Drake took a privateer of six guns. Jacob Perry, gunner of the Ruby, through carelessness and foolery, while on the coast of Norway, made and threw some fireworks out of the gun-room ports into the pinnace, and fired 70 horns of powder, which blew up the decks and wounded himself and 20 others, 12 whereof are almost past hopes of recovery. Dismissed him, and will bring him to a court-martial when recovered. Was forced to borrow moneys to supply ships, credit being of no use. Hopes they will take care for its discharge. Some cordage and canvas in the prizes left at Galway by Capt. Pyend would be very useful at Kinsale, but the prize officers will not deliver so much as an old sail, yet suffer it to be trampled under foot, and cut in pieces by their servants to make breeches thereof at pleasure. They forced Capt. Pyend to pay ready money for bread taken in the prizes. Fears whatever comes into their hands will turn to a bad account. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Aug. 9.
Plymouth.

15. S. Langford to Sam. Pepys. Sends an amended account for victualling ships, &c., with explanations thereon. Wants time to transcribe his account of casks and credits. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 10.
Woolwich.

16. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Returned from the Wells last night, and hopes it will be the means of his recovery. Great want of timber for the new ships, &c. Hopes that Mr. Langrach will be encouraged with some money to send in some from Aliceholt and Whittlewood, and that Mr. Abbott may be agreed with for his. Is sending 40 shipwrights and caulkers to the Hope, but being poor men, and many of their families sick, they have entreated payment of part of their wages. [*Adm. Paper, damaged.*]

Aug. 10.
Chatham.

17. J. Norman, clerk of the survey, to Sir Wm. Batten. They are fitting Capt. Langley's ketch, but differ about the sails; desires directions thereon. The Monmouth is under sail, and will doubtless get to the Nore by high water. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 10.
Bristol.

18. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Has waited at Bristol three weeks for the money, which, when received, will not answer a third part of what is due. The sailmaker is in great straits for his money, and in a great passion with the writer, as dealing in his behalf; his bill is 427*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.*; he has received 100*l.* The blockmaker and others are also so upon him that he cannot bear their outeries any longer, and asks that some course may be taken to ease him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 10.

19. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Desires that the Reserve and Portland may be furnished with six weeks' victuals, and be in readiness to fetch the King's ambassadors from Breda. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 10.

20. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Asks them to consider whether Mr. Pett, master shipwright at Chatham, can be

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spared to come to London for four or five days, about which he has written for leave; also whether the *Little Victory* can be refitted at Hull. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

20. *L. Thos. Blackman to Sir Wm. Coventry. Has not heard anything from the Navy Comrs. as to refitting the Little Victory. All the ships in the Humber have gone to sea.*
Hull, August 7, 1667.

Aug. 10.
Ipswich.

21. Andrew Crawley to Samuel Pepys. Victualling of ships. The Commissioners have issued orders for victualling Landguard Point for 40 seamen, 14 days; and 72 seamen, 7 days. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 10.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Attorney or Solicitor General on the petition of Dr. Hen. Killigrew, for the government of St John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist's Hospitals, co. Dorset. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 253.*]

[Aug. 10.]

22. Petition of Antony Basso, of Genoa, commander of the ship *Sacrifice of Abraham*, to the King. His vessel sailing from Amsterdam to Cadiz was seized, on the false pretence of having Holland goods on board, and carried to Galway in Ireland, where, during his absence to seek justice, the goods were unloaded, some stolen, the men turned on shore, and soldiers who cannot manage the vessel put on board. Requests that the sailors may be restored to the ship, and the soldiers removed till the cause is decided.

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Order on the above petition, at request of the Baron d'Isola, envoy extraordinary of the Emperor, staying all proceedings in Ireland till report be made on the reference to the Court in England. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 256.*]

Aug. 10.
Weymouth.

23. Chr. Sawtell to Edm. Sawtell. The Dutch ships gave not the least disturbance, but kept off at sea. They fired some guns, supposed to be when the officers were visiting one another. Thinks they have put over for the coast of France. They could not have been out of sight if they had gone to the eastward, the wind being against them.

Aug. 10.
Harwich.

24. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The *Lenox* and the galliot hoy, sent out by Sir Joseph Jordan to capture the English-built pink taken by the Hollanders, and laid between Orford and Woodbridge Haven to intercept small boats and vessels, have returned. They could not meet with her, but took a view of the Dutch fleet lying without the Whiting and Bardsey Sands, which numbers 24 or 25 men-of-war. Could not discern the fleet at Felixstow Beacon yesterday, though the weather was clear. An earthquake happened in Radnorshire on July 12, but it was short, came from the east, and went west. The *Lenox*, taken up for the service when the Dutch first came, is discharged.

Aug. 10.
Newcastle.

25. Rich. Forster to James Hickes. Capt. Archer has sent a prize to that port, some say a dogger.

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Aug. 10. 26. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Three Dutch men-of-war arrived from the north coast, and anchored close by the four that have lain so long in the Bay. They brought a fly-boat with them.
Alborough.
- Aug. 10. 27. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Ten sail of Ostenders came into the road yesterday, and were taken to be Dutch men-of-war, which gave an alarm to the town, and caused the regiment there to be in arms.
Yarmouth.
- Aug. 10. Warrant for a royal assent to the election by the Archdeacon and Chapter of Llandaff of Dr. Fras. Davies, as bishop, in place of Dr. Hugh Lloyd. [*Ent. Book 27, f. 3.*]
Whitehall.
- Aug. 10. Articles between the King and Sir John Wintour, concerning the setting of 10,000 acres of waste land in the Forest of Dean, to be a nursery for ship timber. [*Docquet.*]
- Aug. 10. 28. L. Wilkes, [yeoman of the removing Wardrobe,] to Williamson. Had he thought the Commissioners would have so suddenly sat for settlement of His Majesty's house, should not have been where he is, but had my Lord Chamberlain's leave to go getting in some pennies, the chief motive of his journey. Sends particulars of wages and board wages for himself, his companions, and John Ash. Has 14s. a day in lieu of five dishes of meat, there being six masters and eight men as constant attendants. Other officers have 20s., and yet not so many belonging thereto. The assignment of 600*l.* per annum out of the Treasury chamber amongst them all is for making ready and apparelling for His Majesty, his Queen, Prince and children, and ambassadors, with all extraordinary services, according to privy seal, with promise of quarterly payment. They are now going on the 22nd month of their board wages, and 100*l.* is due to him for washing of sheets for the office. Prays, as Lord Arlington is one of the Commissioners, as much favour from him as the justice of the cause will bear.
Lillingston Dayrell.
- Aug. 10. 29. John Lysle to Williamson. Espied the Dutch fleet, consisting of 90 sail, to the west, which gave alarm to the whole island. Believes they are homeward bound. Had they stopped there and made any attempt, a breakfast of cannon shot, interlined with horse and foot, was provided to entertain them, notwithstanding the departure of the Berkshire and Wiltshire forces. Conceives a great part of the fleet were merchantmen, picked up to the westward.
West Cowes.
- Aug. 11. 30. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The Dutch fleet of 54 sail were seen plying westward. Three small vessels arrived from Penzance, running along the shore at night, and so were not seen. They heard that the Dutch had been ashore there, and stolen some sheep, but the foul weather must have put them off from that place.
Plymouth.
- Aug. 11. 31. John Clarke to Williamson. Three ships arrived from Penzance can give no account of the Dutch fleet.
Plymouth.

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Aug. 11. 32. J. Trelawny to Williamson. Several ships have been seen off
Dartmouth. that port, which make no stay. A privateer of Lord Arundel's brought
in a prize taken off the French coast, laden with hemp, flax, and
cloth. She saw 16 great French ships off the Isle of Bayes, with small
vessels attending them, and was chased by several. Supposes they
are the same that appeared before Dartmouth. Hears the Dutch
have been before Scilly these four or five days, and landed upon
Agnes Island, where there were not above three inhabitants. The
soldiers and seamen are now very quiet.
- Aug. 11. 33. Ralph Hope to Williamson. Some prodigious thunder and
Coventry. lightning shattered several trees, and killed a woman in the field,
cleaving her head as if it had been with a sword. Some conventicles
have been discovered, and care taken to suppress them. The gene-
rality have been much dissatisfied with a brisk report that the
peace is still very dubious, and that the Londoners are all in a mutiny,
but sober men do not adhere to it. Enquiry has been made after
the reporters, and some of them will answer it. Dr. Bryan, the
quondam minister, and a principal bell-wether of the Nonconformists,
has resolved to dispense with that oath which entitles him to return,
and is accordingly come to town, to the heartbreaking of many of
his disciples, the wings of whose charity began to flag, flying such
a distance, which is one reason of his return. During his exile, he
has been one of the most conformable Nonconformists of the whole
gang, it being observed at Coleshill that he has been a very strict
and ceremonious observer of the church, a constant frequenter of ser-
vice, and has never held nor frequented meetings since interdicted;
therefore there is more hope of him than of one that will never be
good.
- Aug. 11. 34. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Drake and Emsworth
Portsmouth. shallops, employed as scouts, discovered the Dutch fleet of 41 ships
off Portland. The Martin galley, formerly English, and taken near
Tangiers, came within shot, and was dared to come nearer. All
things are in good condition at Jersey and Guernsey, and the mer-
chant vessels laden with provisions for those islands got well to
port. The Emsworth chased a French vessel laden with wine
and salt, and forced her ashore near Cherbourg in France. The
country came to the rescue, and brought guns to beat her off.
The Dutch fleet being seen sailing towards the Downs, an alarm
was given to the Isle of Wight, and upon their signal of firing guns,
it was taken up at Portsmouth.
- Aug. 11. 35. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. The Dutch fleet were seen
Portsmouth. in Portland Road on Wednesday, and the Isle of Wight discovered
them at sea on Thursday, took the alarm, and sent it to Ports-
mouth. A Swede and Hamburger put in by stress of wind, who
saw the Dutch fleet a week since, as high as the Start.
- Aug. 11. 36. Willm. Gower to Williamson. Hearing the dangerous condi-
Hall. tion Sir Henry Belasyse is in, entreats assistance in procuring his
company. Lord Belasyse has promised him, these seven years, that
none shall come over his head, but fearing his sadness at present

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will not allow him to appear at Court, has written to Sir Thos. Ingram to remind his Lordship.

Aug. 11.
Fenbrook.

37. Frs. Malory to Jas. Hickey. The Tiger and Elias frigates are still in harbour. The Mermaid has set sail to chase a small privateer lying off the harbour.

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38. Frs. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect.

Aug. 11.
Berwick.

39. M. Scott to Williamson. The Scotch capers have retaken the Convertine frigate, and brought up four prizes.

Aug. 11.
Sunday.

40. Lord [Arlington] to Williamson. Desires he will speak to the victualler as to taking the provisions sent into the Castles at the Isle of Wight by Sir H. Jones. Sends notes for Lord St. Albans and Lord Crofts. Will be at home on Tuesday.

Aug. 11.
Deal.

41. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The three Dutch ships still lie at the North Foreland. There is talk of nothing but the taking of seven East India Dutch ships, and sinking three, about the Bermudas, and that the Dutch have broken off the treaty. The latter is rather feared than intended, but the former is confidently affirmed by the two Flanders packet boats. Was all day at Dover, about a prize brought in by a fire-ship, but supposes it will be cleared by Sir Thos. Teddeman. A gentlewoman, who says her husband is His Majesty's comfit-maker, has had letters found about her which she would have burned, but the officers took them away. She confesses herself a Roman Catholic; the searcher's deputy, Mr. Smith, took from her some lace for her own use, and a small piece of holland.

Aug. 11.
St. James's.

42. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. They have omitted several particulars in their second return, whereof they may be better informed from the estimate of the Ordinary. They have made second rates to bear neither carpenter nor cook, which surely they do. Asks them to review and return it in time for the Lords [Comrs.] on Tuesday. With note that carpenters of second rates are only borne upon the extra, and are under prick and cheque, and ought to be omitted, and that cooks are borne at common men's pay, and reckoned amongst them. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 11.
The Swallow,
near the Spurn,
Kelsey.

43. Bernard Ludman to the Navy Comrs. Cruizing in company with the Guernsey, Milford, and Nightingale, espied six sail of Hollanders, gave chase, and found them to be five fly-boats and a man-of-war; kept sight of the latter, which was astern to defend the convoys, all night; in the morning, after a dispute, the rest of the frigates being near and shooting several guns at him, he yielded. The captain, with 10 men, was slain, and 20 wounded. The ship was of Amsterdam, of 46 guns, and 210 men. The others were vessels laden with provisions from the fleet that lies at the Ness, and were bound to northward, to Admiral Van Ghent. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 11.
Bristol.

44. Capt. Richard Trevanion to Sir Wm. Penn. Has arrived there from Youghall, and is bound for Milford, with four vessels laden with

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provisions for Sir Jer. Smith's squadron, and thence to return to Bristol. Wants an order for three months' victuals, and other things named. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 11.
Bristol.

45. Capt. Richard Trevanion to Sir Wm. Coventry. Received orders from Sec. Page at Youghall to go to Kinsale to revictual, but was sent to Bristol by Sir Jer. Smith, no victuals being there. Asks orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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46. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Comrs. Capt. Cox and Mr. Uthwat have surveyed the fire-ships, and ordered things necessary. Has received orders to return the 300*l*. sent for rewarding such men as had done service. No greater kindness could be done him than to rid him of that trouble. Requests return of a receipt which he gave for the money. Has often been promised money to pay off the tickets due to some men of the fire-ships who never let him rest. Is sorry to hear that Capt. Shelly is no better rewarded, having done very good service; all there being troubled at it, wishes there may be no occasion of service of the same nature. Has made some little disbursements, but remits the whole 300*l*.; 90 calkers have arrived; will take care that they work. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

46. *L. Account by Sir Edw. Spragg of necessities wanting on board the Hopewell galliot. Desires they may be supplied out of the stores at Deptford.*

The Diamond, in the Hope, August 11, 1667.

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The Diamond,
Hope.

47. Sir Edw. Spragg to Jonas Shish, master builder at Deptford. Desires him to calk and tallow the William of Stoke smack with all speed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 12.
The Richmond,
King Road.

48. Capt. Amos Beare to the Navy Comrs. Asks for a supply of stores. The victualler's agent and Mr. Furzer will do what is required for victualling and cleaning the ship on their order, but no person will take charge of the ship without it. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

48. *L. Sir Jeremiah Smith to Capt. Amos Beare. Since things are at that pass, he may stay at Youghall until Tuesday; and if the ships have orders and are ready to sail, he is to accompany them to England; if not, to go to Bristol to clean and re-victual, giving Sir Wm. Coventry an account of his arrival; and failing further orders, to return to Kinsale. Desires him to impress as many seamen as possible. [Copy.] Kinsale Harbour, Aug. 3, 1667.*

Aug. [12.]
The Richmond,
King Road,
Bristol.

49. Capt. Amos Beare to Sir Wm. Coventry. Came from Youghall on the 9th, and arrived there the 10th inst. Hailed the Mermaid, but they could not hear each other. Asks for a supply of cordage and sails. The victualler will not supply provisions without

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orders. Has impressed 24 seamen, and more are to be had there if the magistrates are made use of. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

49. I. *Sailing orders from Sir Jer. Smith to Capt. Amos Beare. He is to impress as many able seamen, &c., as possible, for distribution amongst the ships under Sir Jeremy's command; also to be circumspect, that he may not be surprised; to which end he is to keep a man continually at the top-mast head in the daytime, and a good watch in the night. The Plymouth, Kinsale Harbour, Aug. 1, 1667.*

49. II. *Sir Jeremy Smith to Capt. Amos Beare. Duplicate of No. 48. I. supra.*

Aug. 12. 50. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Saw Capt. Beare's order
Belisat. for coming there to make clean and victual; asks what is to be done in it. The *Little Gift* arrived with the *Dartmouth*; made a survey of her by the captain's demand, and sends particulars of her defects. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 12. 51. Journal by Capt. Perriman as to the condition and wants of
ships named in the river, and of his proceedings thereon, Aug. 11 and 12, 1667. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Aug. 12. 52. Petition of Henry Brouncker to the King, for a reference to
Whitchall. the Treasury Comrs. to inform His Majesty of the value of the offal and other wood of 1,000 trees to be felled for the service. Begged the same in a former petition, which was referred to the then Lord Treasurer and Lord Ashley, who made a report, which, with the petition, has been since lost. With reference thereon to the Treasury Comrs.

Aug. 12. Entry of the above reference. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 256.*]

Aug. 12. 53. Sir W. Coventry to Williamson. If the letter from His
Majesty to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland on behalf of His Royal Highness be not sent away, it is to be delivered to the bearer, who will send it to such as shall attend the effects of it

Aug. 12. 54. Rich. Browne to Williamson. One of the seven Dutch
Aldbrough. men-of-war that have been riding so long in the bay lost her main-mast in the storm. Saw 18 more Dutch on Sunday to the southward. Four Swedes laden sailed for London; gave them advice of the impossibility of passing the Dutch fleet, but they valued it not, and said they would not shun them, or make any opposition if they boarded them. Six Dutch men-of-war ride in the Bay.

Aug. 12. 55. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Dr. Croftes, Dean of Norwich,
Yarmouth. preached at Yarmouth yesterday. In his sermon, he showed how the pulpit had been abused and preaching idolized, and told them it were not amiss if preaching were laid aside for some time, upon which many from all parts of the church went out, and the people here generally exclaim against him in a most shameful manner.

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Lord Townsbend's regiment of foot, with two troops of horse, mustered there. A ketch has come in from the northward. Laid out some money in fitting the hoy for the use intended, but as there will now be no occasion for her, desires he may have her at the appraised price, so that he may be no loser.

Aug. 12.
London.

56. James Hickes to [Williamson]. The Irish mails for the 3rd and 6th August came to hand this morning, but that for the 3rd has been overhead in the sea, or some other waters, since many letters it is utterly hopeless ever to read, or know to whom they belong. Has not known of the like disaster in all his life, and no account from any postmaster of the misfortune, which by to-morrow's post shall be strictly inquired into. Sir John [Bennet] and Mr. Ellis are not yet returned out of Kent.

Aug. 12.
Hull.

57. Col. Anth. Gilby to Williamson. A Holland man-of-war of 46 guns, brought into the Humber, was taken upon the Dogger Sand by the Swallow, Nightingale, and Milford. She is one of the ships that did the mischief at Chatham, and had with her the shallop of the Royal Charles, and much bedding and household stuff plundered in that action. She was convoy to five flyboats, going with water and other provisions to seek Van Ghent, all which escaped. The captain and lieutenant were killed before she yielded.

Aug. 12.
Hall.

58. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The Swallow, Nightingale, Milford, and Guernsey attacked a Holland man-of-war of 46 guns and 240 men. She struck, and they came into Humber with her, not having lost a man. The Hollander has 18 killed, with the captain and lieutenant. Most of the men are French, and have the Royal Charles's shallop on board, and very much plunder of English clothes and household goods. She is one of the vessels that was in the Hope, and before Chatham; when taken, she had five Dutch ships under her convoy laden with water, and going to their fleet, but night coming on, they got away.

Aug. 12.
Swansea.

59. John Man to Williamson. Those parts afford nothing of news at present.

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60. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared above, and from the following:

Dublin, Aug. 6: 30 Tories are abroad in Leitrim, but Capt. Sands' men are in pursuit of them.

Kinsale, July 30: Vice-Admiral Kempthorne's fleet will soon be there. The place is well fortified. The Earl of Orrery is there, with 12 companies of foot and 20 troops of horse.

Plymouth, Aug. 9: The Dutch landed some men on one of the islands of Scilly. The workmen are in great want of money, none of the 2,000*l.* ordered being returned.

Barbadoes, May 25: Particulars of an engagement between 11 English ships and 30 of the enemy, in which the latter were defeated and driven into St. Christopher's. Want of ships, ammunition, &c. Surrender of Surinam. Condition of Nevis and St. Christopher's, &c. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]

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Falmouth.

61. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. The Dutch fleet appeared before Scilly, and landed some men upon the outer islands, who did no hurt but the taking away of some sheep; they also sent boats into the mouth of the harbour to sound. The Castle shot at them, and disabled two, and four great ships came so near that they could hardly get off again, but made no attempt to land. The governor and soldiers express much cheerfulness and courage to defend the place, if any further attempt is made. A great storm is supposed to have cleared the island of them, as 16 sail, judged to be part of the fleet parted by the storm, were seen to the east, and others have been seen since. The Summer Island Merchant, from the Bermudas, has arrived, laden with tobacco, oil, &c. Two of the fleet made after her, but night coming on, would not venture near the shore. On Sunday a great fleet appeared to the east, and one large vessel took fire and burned three hours, the men escaping in boats. On Monday 35 sail appeared close to the Bay, carrying English colours, and supposed to be the Virginia fleet; but the soldiers that are in the town are all in arms. The Drake reports that Sir Jeremiah Smith is in Ireland, with his fleet and prizes. She has taken a small man-of-war of six guns, and sent her into Scilly; they were amongst a Dutch fleet of 22 sail, and glad to cut off their boats to escape. [3 pages.]

Aug. 12.
Deal.

62. Ri. Watts to Williamson. There have been violent winds between the south and west. A north-east gale has carried away most of the outward-bound merchantmen. The Canary ship is yet in the Downs. Thanks for the proclamation.

Aug. 12.
Pendennis.

63. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The Dutch fleet of 32 sail is continually cruising about, but Providence has brought in a valuable vessel from the Bermudas, laden with tobacco, oil, amber, &c. The Drake frigate arrived from Ireland reports that Sir Jeremiah Smith is safe in Kinsale with 14 frigates. The Virginia and Barbadoes fleet of 35 sail bore close up to Pendennis Castle, not having any convoy; receiving a message from Lord Arundel that the Dutch fleet was just gone east, they endeavoured to get in there, but the wind being south-west and very high, they could not, and so made for Plymouth. [14 pages.]

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64. Account of the state of the garrison at Hull from its first establishment. It consisted of six companies of 100 men each, besides officers, of whom Lord Belasyse, the governor, and five others named were commanders; three companies retrenched to make room for so many of His Majesty's regiment of Guards. Sir Robert Hildyard obtained an order to reduce 20 men out of each of the companies, to make up a company of fourscore for himself, which, upon computation, equals the pay, both of officers and soldiers, with the first establishments. Three companies being commanded away, Lord Belasyse desires the garrison may be resettled upon its first establishment, and his two captains, Sir Belasyse and Capt. Broxholme, restored to their command, 600 men being scarce sufficient to perform the duty of the garrison, and the trained bands of the East Riding not sufficient to guard the coast in case of danger.

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St. James's.

65. Duke of York to the Commissioners for regulating Expenses. Sends the reply of the Navy Comrs. to his letter, written in pursuance of their orders requiring a report of the Navy expenses, and of the fittest way to reduce them. Yet as they demand time, not wishing the office under his command to be the slowest for a reformation, will make some statements, but not to preclude any proposals from the Navy Officers. Remarks on the salaries of the several officers; discharged all those added by himself for dispatch of business during the war, as soon as he knew the peace was signed. In the late King's time, the Board only consisted of the treasurer, comptroller, surveyor, and clerk of the acts, but commissioners have since been added; viz., Lord Berkeley, who has resigned to Sir Thos. Harvey, Sir Wm. Penn, Comr. Pett, who was to reside at Chatham as his father did, Lord Brouncker, also Col. Middleton, to act only at Portsmouth, and Capt. Taylor at Harwich, with salaries of 350*l.* each. Thinks the office should consist of a treasurer or paymaster, two comptrollers, two surveyors, one of each to be always in London and one at a remote yard, and a clerk of the Acts, with perhaps one commissioner, to supply in case of sickness or absence. Details their several proposed duties. This will save the keeping up of a house for receiving the commissioners when they go to Chatham. Also most of the clerks of survey might be spared, who have, by growth of business and negligence of surveyors, almost become like Navy Officers. Thinks pursers in harbour might be spared, except on ships of first and second rates, which carry 400 or 500 men; this would encourage pursers to good conduct, in hopes of appointments on the larger ships. Wishes the opinion of the Navy Comrs. as to continuing the yard at Harwich, erected at the beginning of the Dutch war. The salaries are much raised from what they were in the late reign; on the Restoration they went on in the state they were found, except augmentations to the Navy Comrs. and the salary of his own clerk. The salaries should be sufficient to make the officers value their employment, and not subject them to a base compliance with others, gaining 1*s.* to themselves by losing 10*s.* for the King, and then by falsehood becoming slaves to their inferiors, for fear of discovery. Would not divert any reasonable retrenchment, being very sensible of the necessity of reducing His Majesty's expenses. [Copy, 14 pages.] *Encloses,*

65. I. *The Duke of York. Have endeavoured to prepare an account of the ordinary Establishment of officers in the Navy, and their allowances, as it stood on 1st January last, since which there has been no addition, but crave further time for preparing an account of the Establishment as it was 7 Charles I., and of their opinion of the usefulness of such places as have been added, and of what retrenchments and regulations may be made for lessening the expense, &c., having to search for ancient papers, and to consider the manifold circumstances necessary for the well doing thereof.* [Copy.]

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65. II. *List of officers belonging to the Navy, with the yearly salary allowed to each, as they stood 1 Jan. 1667. [3 pages, copy.]*

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66. Return by Edw. Sherburne and three other Officers of the Ordnance, of the establishment of the Ordnance office, containing an account of the ordinary charges payable upon the Quarter book and out of the Exchequer, as salaries, fees, wages, and annuities to persons named; with particulars under what grant, letters patent, or warrant the payments are made. With note that the Ordnance Comrs. must make reports as to retrenchments, for that in the seventh year of the late King, the ordnance assignment was 6,000*l.* a year, whereas now 12,000*l.* is hardly sufficient. [*Copy, 8 pages.*]

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67. Return by H. Slingsby and Ant. St. Leger, officers of the Mint, of the yearly fees and salaries paid by the warden to persons named, out of the 3,000*l.* raised and set apart for them, and for the repair of the offices, houses, and buildings of the Mint, by the Act of Parliament for encouraging coinage. They were formerly paid out of the profits arising by the seigniorage or coinage duty of gold and silver monies coined; but for the advantage of trade, His Majesty quitted this duty, and the Act of Parliament for encouraging coinage provided a revenue in lieu of it. Conceive His Majesty neither is nor can be liable for any charge or expense connected with the Mint or coinage. [*Copy, 2 pages.*]

Aug. 13.
Mischew.

68. John Maurice to Williamson. Twenty small sail have arrived from Ireland, laden with Irish goods, under the convoy of the Dartmouth and two others. Sir Jer. Smith is very diligent in fortifying the harbour of Kinsale, and planting guns, some of which he took from a prize; it is made so strong that it is impossible it should be taken; 12 or 14 great ships were discovered going up the Channel to-day for Bristol, which are supposed to be the Virginia fleet, homeward bound. All men that come from Ireland say they never saw any person more vigilant and diligent than Sir Jeremy, in fortifying, securing prizes, and governing seamen, &c.

Aug. 13.
Dartmouth.

69. J. Trelawny to Williamson. The Dutch fleet of 55 ships has appeared before the harbour; the Essex and Swiftsure are amongst them. Drew out the six companies that are in the town in view of them, on which their Admiral put out a white flag on the main-topmast head. At sunset they turned into Torbay, where it is supposed they will anchor this night, but the wind is fair for them to pass up the Channel.

Aug. 13.
Plymouth.

70. John Clarke to James Hickes. Six of the Virginia fleet were forced in there by stress of weather, and 30 more since, from hearing that the Dutch are upon the coast; one of the said fleet was cast

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away near Fowey; 22 more, bound to Bideford, Barnstaple, and Bristol, have passed into the Severn. They bring news that four Dutch men-of-war, with two fire-ships, assaulted our ships in James River, Virginia, burnt the Elizabeth frigate, and five merchant-men, and took 13 more, most of them belonging to Bristol. The Dutch fleet has gone from Scilly.

Aug. 13. 71. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

Aug. 13. 72. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Arrival of the Virginia fleet, &c.
Plymouth. The ships have strangely escaped the Dutch fleet lying in the Channel expecting them. The Drake, from Kinsale, reports that Sir Jeremiah Smith is there, with 13 frigates and three fire-ships, and the place put in a very good posture of defence. She fell in with 18 of the Dutch fleet, who chased her all day and night, but by good sailing she escaped. Fears for the Virginia ships bound for Bristol, as the greater part of the Dutch fleet lies in the Severn. The letters from Sir Jeremiah Smith were put ashore at Falmouth, to be brought by express. Hears that De Ruyter's fleet lay between the Land's End and Scilly, so is in great fear of the 23 Virginian-men that went for Bristol. A Bermudas-man has been chased into Falmouth.

Aug. 13. 73. Sir Thos. Alliu to Williamson. Six of the Virginia ships have
Plymouth. arrived; 30 are at Fowey, and 23 gone for Bristol; 13 were taken out of St. James's Town river, and the Elizabeth frigate and four more burnt there, by four Dutch men-of-war and two fire-ships. Judges the latter will go to Newfoundland to victual and do spoil, and hopes some of our ships may meet them homeward bound. The Dutch have left Scilly, and carried away 200 sheep, 20 head of cattle, and some conies; believes they are blown into the Channel by the storm. The Drake brings account of the good condition of Kinsale.

Aug. 13. 74. Jo. Lindsey to Williamson. Fifty sail of the Dutch are in
Dartmouth. sight, some of which have put into Torbay, and the rest are following. News that six of the Virginia fleet have arrived at Plymouth, and all the rest in Fowey and Falmouth, but 17 were burnt by the Dutch in Virginia.

Aug. 13. 75. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Three or four coasters have
Newcastle. come in, and also the Kent frigate. A small Dutch caper is plying about Whitby. The dogger which the Mayor's privateer sent is come up, but with nothing in her except salt, empty casks, &c.

Aug. 13. 76. John Smith to Williamson. The four Dutch men-of-war still
Margate. continue there; they sent their boat with a white flag, and desired some fresh meat and ale for the vice-admiral, but it was not granted. They told the men that went off to speak to them that peace was to be proclaimed in Holland yesterday, and they expected every day to be sent for; they supposed it might have been proclaimed there, which was the cause of their coming off.

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Aug. 13. 77. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Many merchant ships bound
Portsmouth. for London are daily expecting the good time for liberty. Lord
Gerard remains there still, and his new raised troop is to be
disbanded.
- Aug. 13. 78. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Dutch lie in their
Harwich. old place off Bardsey Sands. Three or four Swedish ships passed
from the back of the fort for the river, and it is said they were
examined by the Dutch.
- Aug. 13. Warrant to the Treasury Comrs. to appoint George, son of
Whitchall. Dr. Rob. Creighton, Dean of Wells, as one of the King's waiters in
the port of London, on the first vacancy after previous reversions, on
account of the long and sharp suffering undergone by his said father
in behalf of His late Majesty and the King. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 296.*]
- Aug. 13. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Christchurch, Oxford.
Whitchall. Recommends John King for restoration to the auditorship of
Christchurch, in which he was invested before the late rebellion;
he was sequestered for being in arms for the late King, and
Sam. Bedford, in arms for the usurped powers, was put into office
and still continues therein, notwithstanding several orders in favour
of the said John King. [*Ent. Book 27, p. 125.*]
- Aug. 13. 79. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Desires they will
order the Bisane or some other yacht to carry Sir John Robinson
and his company to Sheerness, and return when he desires it,
and let a bell be sent from Chatham to Sheerness to call the
workmen. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 13. 80. W. Fownes to the Navy Comrs. None of the pursers can
Deptford. pretend ignorance about appearing before Sir Wm. Penn to pass
their victualling accounts; showed the order to the pursers of the
five ships there, and fixed a copy of it at the call house. [*Adm.
Paper.*]
- Aug. 13. 81. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Waltham says that
Plymouth. he is ordered to desist from the perusal of the writer's accounts, and
Sir Thos. Allin refuses to concern himself in them unless allowed a
salary, yet could no longer forbear paying the workmen and trades-
men, and begs their acceptance of what is done; will now desist
till their honours so settle the affair that the business may be carried
on with more punctuality and content; the care and trouble lie on
him; is very uncomfortable to be left in uncertainty, through the
neglect and refusal of others. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*
81. 1. *Account [by John Lanyon] of his disbursements on 24
ships named, amounting to 654l. 1s. 1d.*
- Aug. 13. 82. Sir Jer. Smith to the Navy Comrs. No ships can be
Kinsale. sheathed there, as both convenience and materials are wanted.
There was a good store of cables, cordage, and canvas in the prizes,
left by Capt. Pyend at Galway, but the officers will not part with
one jot of it, except at far greater rates than it can be purchased at

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elsewhere. Thinks the Dreadnought and four other ships named the most proper for the intended voyage; they may be better fitted at Portsmouth in one month than at Kinsale in six. Admiral Kempthorne complains of scarcity of provisions; expects him there suddenly, and will be hard put to it to recruit him. The Governor of Galway furnished him with 20 tuns of wine, else he would not have staid so long. No money has been supplied by the victualler to his agent, and credit is of no esteem in Ireland. Has orders not to part with any more of the monies taken in the East India prize, but has been obliged to make use of two chests for the master shipwright and for provisions. The Pearl has arrived at Waterford, and the Victory prize in Crookhaven, having taken a privateer of 15 guns. [*Adm. Paper.* 1½ pages.]

Aug. 13.
Kinsale.

83. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Victualling of ships. The provisions from the Hardereen being mostly taken up before her arrival, and the writer's credit exhausted, this business is ten times greater perplexity to Sir Jer. Smith than the government of the fleet. Is amazed to see such an affair thus ill supplied, and cannot tell the difficulties in a poor place, where he cannot depend on his credit. Desires speedy money. Had not Sir Jer. Smith assisted, must have suffered the affair to sink, and their honours have lain up the fleet and quartered the men on shore. [*Adm. Paper.* 1½ pages.]

Aug. 14.

84. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Asks if a person has been sent to Kinsale to pay the ships out of the money on board the East India prize, as proposed by his Royal Highness; if not, supposes Sir Jer. Smith may be deputed to see it performed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 14.

85. Capt. J. Perriman to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of a survey of ships named at Woolwich, &c. together with their wants. Desires orders as to sunken vessels and as to anchors and cables; their not being looked after gives men encouragement to pilfer daily. [*Adm. Paper.* 1½ pages.]

Aug. 14.
Chatham Dock.

86. Wm. Rand and John Brookes to the Navy Comrs. The captains of the fire-ships and hoys at Sheerness complain of want of victuals. Are fitting the Edward and Eve ketch; the Royal James and London are ready to sail. Ask orders to make use of the ropemakers to carry them down, as the Londoners leave weekly of their own accord, when they have got their pay. Received empty casks from the victualler, but having no place for them, are fain to lay them in ships where they may come to damage. Particulars of works in progress. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 14.
Chatham.

87. Robt. Sliter to the Navy Comrs. Went to Sheerness to survey the ground and fortifications and of the yard there to be laid out, in order to present them with a plot, but Sir Godfrey Lloyd, having the command of that affair, denied him permission without special order from His Majesty, but said he would do it himself, and send the first draft, as due, to His Majesty. Since the

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coming up of the Dutch, several boards have been pulled from the roof and sides of the new rope-house to supply the shipwrights, and of the old rope house for musketeers to play out at, by which means they are made unfit to work in, or to secure the yarn and cordage from damage by the wet weather. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 14. 88. Henry Dethick to Sir Wm. Batten. Asks for a list of ships that have been delivered by the Prize Comrs. for the use of the service and are still employed, that he may proceed against them, and not put the King to unnecessary charges in condemning ships not in being. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 14. The King to Lord Townshend [Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk]. Thanks him for his zeal in his service, especially during the late alarm from the Dutch fleet, and wishes him to thank others who deserve it, especially the bailiffs of Yarmouth, who were specially forward in their duty, in guarding the safety of the town. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 256.*]

[Aug. 14.] 89. Draft of the above.

Aug. 14. Warrant for presentation of Nich. Stratford, B.D., to the place of warden of Christ's College, Manchester, void by death of Rich. Heynck, M.A. [*Ent. Book 27, p. 4.*]

Aug. 14. Note that Anne Ibbotson, widow, entered recognizances of 200*l.*, and two others for her of 100*l.* each, not to print any unlicensed books or pamphlets. [*Ent. Book 28, p. 1.*]

Aug. 14. 90. Sir Thos. Gower to Williamson. Has consulted with Sir Francis Goodrick, as ordered by Lord Arlington, and they agree that none of the criminals should be tried at Durham this assizes, or they will escape, though as guilty as can be imagined. The witnesses must not be to seek on the trial; some live out of the country, others are collectors of excise, hearth money, &c.; some are persuaded by friends of the criminals, and they must be bound over to appear in time for the King's Counsel to see that their present agrees with their former testimony, or there will be a miscarriage. The bottom of the design is not discovered, and their concern to cover it is shown by their last attempt in rescuing Mason.

Aug. 14. 91. Sir Edw. Harley to Lord Conway. Sends a receipt against another assault from his painful guest, obtained from a person that makes it a great part of his livelihood, under a confidence not to divulge it to his prejudice. Also presents a bottle of the tincture of strawberries, which gives great relief in a fit, and some Bramton venison, which he hopes may be agreeable to his taste. Hears that the King has set up the tables again at Whitehall, and dined in the Presence Chamber, but the ratification of the peace is doubtfully spoken of.

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Aug. 14. 92. Fras. Malory to James Hickes. The Tiger, Elias, and Mermaid frigates are still in the harbour.
Milford.
- Aug. 14. 93. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the like effect.
- Aug. 14. 94. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. If the cheeses were acceptable to his palate, shall be glad to receive that assurance, as they were made according to his own directions. As Lord Derby has done nothing, though often solicited, begs that an order may be sent to him to deliver the money for the repairs, which if not done before winter, the castle will receive much damage.
Chester.
- Aug. 14. 95. Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. A vessel arrived from France laden with paper and wine, by warrant from the Duke and Council; also three frigates named, belonging to Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron to take in some provisions and then return to Kinsale. A very rank storm has blown these four or five days, and if it continue, the Dutch ships upon the coast will hardly be able to find themselves. The Presbyterians report that the reason why the Parliament was prorogued so suddenly was that the King and they differed about bishops and episcopal government, which is likely to be hotly disputed at the next sitting.
Beistol.
- Aug. 14. 96. Thos. Holden to Williamson. The ship fired was a Dutch prize, laden with salt, brought in by Capt. Ware for sale there; that being an open cove, a Dutch man-of-war came and fetched her off, and upon chase being made by Capt. Ware, the Dutch, seeing they could do no good, set her on fire. The fleet that passed by on Monday proves to be the Virginia fleet, and at their first coming out, were 58 sail, but some have put in at places named. Report of the Dutch men-of-war setting fire to the ships in James' River, Virginia.
Falmouth.
- Aug. 14. 97. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. To the same effect.
- Aug. 14. 98. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The French and Flanders packets have both been driven into the Downs by the storm, and if it had continued another tide, it would have much endangered the town and harbour. Three of the Dutch ships lay off the Foreland, and 15 on Monday lay before Margate, but did no hurt beyond taking up some nets laid to trepan lobsters, of which they took 60, but pickled herrings and onions are more natural for them. The loyal subjects of Dover desire the writer to stand an election for mayor. Was chosen last year, but being a widower and engaged in the service, declined. Asks whether the government of the packet boats is to fall to his lot, if old Mr. Jemmett goes out, Lord (Arlington) having a kindness for him.
Dover.
- Aug. 14. 99. Col. Anth. Gilby to Williamson. A French ship laden with oil was taken off the coast of Holland, and was brought into the Humber by the Hampshire and Oxford; it is of 200 tons, with seven guns, and came from Greenlaud bound for Bayonne.
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Hall.

100. Charles Whittington to Williamson. Sends a document, which should have come by the last post. The Hampshire and Oxford have come into Humber; the latter with a French prize from Greenland, bound for Bayonne. She is yet in Grimsby Road, as also the Holland man-of-war. Three boats have arrived with 180 prisoners.

Aug. 14.

Whitehall.

101. The King to the Chapter of Salisbury. Recommends Dr. Ralph Bridgocke, chaplain in ordinary, for the deanery of Salisbury, void by death of Dr. Bayly. [*Copy.*]

Aug. 14.

102. "Advices received," being notes from letters all calendared above.

Aug. 14.

Bristol.

103. Ja. Hayes to John Fitzherbert, of Lockington. Fourteen Virginia ships come into King Road; they parted near Scilly with 46 sail bound for London and the west country. A French man-of-war came up to them, but some of the best ships came up with him, and broadsides passed, so that the man-of-war was weary of it, and left. Four States' ships came to Virginia, and met a Londoner of 24 guns, which, after some fighting, they took, and meeting with a shallop, made her convoy them into James River, where the Elizabeth frigate of 46 guns lay, and several ships to be convoyed by her. The captain and crew of the Elizabeth being ashore, and the powder locked up, the Dutch burnt the Elizabeth, together with nine Bristol, seven west country, and two London ships, and went clear away to sea. Gives the names of the Bristol ships burnt.

Aug. 15.

Aldborough.

104. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Four Dutch men-of-war remain in the bay; discovered 20 more to the south-east on Sunday. It has blown very hard this week, and if it continue, it will force the enemy home for shelter. There is no sailing to and fro, the enemy riding so directly in the way.

Aug. 15.

Note that Ann Maxwell, widow, entered into a recognizance of 200*l.*, and two others for her of 100*l.* each, not to print any unlicensed books or pamphlets. [*Ent. Book 28, p. 1.*]

Aug. 15.

Warrant to pay to Wm. Avery 10,000*l.* in satisfaction of the like sum lent to the King by the city of London, towards the fortifications of Sheerness. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 15.

Warrant to pay 40,000*l.*, in the proportion of four per cent. above the interest of six per cent, as reward to such persons as have furnished or shall furnish money for the King's service. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 15.

Harwich.

105. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Dutch are very quiet, and keep their old station. The lady of Lord Berkeley, commander of the forces, has been confined at Sir Robert Brooke's house at Nacton; the Earl of Oxford and Lady Littleton have gone from Harwich, to appear as witnesses at the baptizing, whence the Earl intends for London, by special order of His Majesty. Hears Sir John Sayers' three companies, quartered four or five miles from there, are to be disbanded. Knows not whether the Dutch are obliged not to attack by land, that they thus part with the soldiers.

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Aug. 15. 106. John Dobson to Williamson. Sends a letter for his master,
Edinburgh. Robert Mein, according to instructions, and hopes he is with him
before this time.
- Aug. 15. 107. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Hulbert's elm timber
Dorset. is worth more than 51s. 6d. per load. Has not one foot left in the
yard, and Mr. Hulbert promises 20 or 30 loads, if he has his money
in reasonable time. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 15. 108. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Comrs. Sends the accounts of
Chatham. harbour provisions for which he has given warrants. Discharged
the officers and servants of the Royal Charles and two other ships
named, but continued those of three more, which may possibly be
recovered and refitted for service. Having no news of money, is
in care how to appease the clamour of the necessitous multitude.
Seeing the little work performed in the time allotted for the two
tides a day, proposes to take them off, which will diminish the
charge, and be no inconvenience, though the same money should be
paid for the poor men's subsistence as of late, and set off on each as
board wages. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 15. 109. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Desires them to
St. James's. receive the complaint of John Luce, and relieve him as they shall
find cause. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 15. 110. J. Sotherne to Sam. Pepys. Desires they will order the
victualler to send directions to his agent at Bristol for supplying the
Dartmouth and Richmond, sent thither by Sir J. Smith, with
provisions. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 15. 111. Capt. John Pearce to the Navy Comrs. His master,
Hamburg. Wm. Goodlad, who was formerly with him in the Convertine, died
Merchant, on the 13th, and was buried to day in Tilbury Church. Desires
Hope. another master well acquainted with the northward, if his ship is
to be continued in the service. Gives the names and addresses of
10 watermen pressed at the Hall, who entered themselves, and then
ran away with their sealed tickets. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 15. 112. Comr. John Taylor to the Navy Comrs. Would have
Harwich. been glad to hear when his troubles are likely to end. The 300l.
is not yet paid, which makes him doubt engaging for materials,
that he cannot do without. Is recovering the sunk ships
without hurt. Asks what the soldiers shall do about cleaning the
moat. The wind has made such a confusion among the masts, that
it will cost money and trouble; is forced to comply about giving
Fish a reward for his extra pains about them. Pursers being
ordered to come up about their accounts, asks whether those who
are both commanders and pursers are to come at present, because
of the Dutch. Five small ships named are kept out. Refused the
deputy-victualler's proposal of turning the harbour provisions into
sea victuals, but still he will not deliver on petty warrants till he
hears what they say. All the fire-ships and colliers are continued
from week to week, on their full allowance of sea victuals. The

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clerk of the Cheque has trouble with his accounts, but will send next post. *Encloses,*

112. I. Gerard Christmas, [carrier,] to the Navy Comrs. *Unless a speedy order for money is granted, his men will leave him. Has hitherto paid them himself, but having neither his old nor new bills paid, is forced to seek to them for present supply.* Harwich, Aug. 15, 1667.

Aug. 16.
Dover.

113. Sir Thos. Teddeman to the Navy Comrs. Will discharge the Lenox as soon as she comes in, and has acquainted the governor of Dover Castle, her principal owner, thereof. Asks for money to pay the poor men of the town, who have trusted the goods for fitting out two fire-ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Hull.

114. William Blaydes to the Navy Comrs. Hendrick Soise's merchants are George Cooke and Henry Haswell, Bishopgate Street, who are owners of the masts. None are to be got there without money. The Oxford and other frigates are unfit for sea without the supplies, and some ships have their sides broken in. Cannot assist them, having neither orders nor money. Begs consideration; without a supply of money cannot do much more. An old suit of masts of Mr. Wood's lying there would serve the Panther. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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115. Minute [by Pepys] that the examination of the lieutenant and purser of the St. Patrick, touching the manner of her loss, was read this day [before the Navy Comrs.], but the Board suspended their opinion towards acquitting or condemning the officers, till the return from Holland, where they are prisoners, of the rest of the company, which is daily expected upon the peace. [*Adm. Paper.*]

115. I. Report by Sam. Enys, lieutenant, and Edw. Hooke, purser, as to the capture of their ship, the St. Patrick, near the North Foreland, by two Dutch men-of-war, on Feb 5, 1667, in an engagement in which her captain was killed, and most of the men desperately wounded. The cause of capture was the running away of their fire-ship and the want of powder.

[Aug. 16.]

116. Case of Sir Samuel Jones and three of his servants. In prosecution of his patent as gamekeeper about Northampton, they took away some low bells from certain persons, who in revenge attacked them, and a fray ensued in which several were wounded. Sir Sam. Jones prosecuted for this riot, but the verdict was unlawfully given against him, and now the rioters prosecute him; thus His Majesty's commissions are slighted, which will be very injurious to the King's authority. Requests that the case may be heard before Council, several of the rioters being sent for and in custody. [*See Council Register.*]

Aug. 16.
Bridlington.

117. John Bower to James Hickes. The Dogger pink, set forth as a privateer by Capt. Silver, commander of the Kent, arrived from the coast of Holland she took four small boys, but lost them

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by extremity of weather. The Speedwell and Orange have also come in without any prizes, but the latter fired two that he could not get off from the shore.

Aug. 16.
Rydal.

118. Dan Fleming to Williamson. Acquainted Dr. Smith with all the news, and doubts not he told him what was material. Several little stitched books of four sheets have come into the country, entitled "A true and faithful account of y^e several informations exhibited to y^e Hon^{ble} Committee appointed by Parliament to enquire into the late dreadful burning of y^e City of London, &c," which appears to have been maliciously published by some Freshyterian hand, and may do harm, being approved of there by some of that party; but whether to take any notice of a libel or not is a query.

Aug. 16.
Newcastle.

119. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The place affords nothing of news, and the judges have very little to do. Three of the frigates that cruise between Hull and Newcastle have taken a Dutch man-of-war of 48 guns, and brought her to Hull.

Aug. 16.

120. Sir Nich. Armorer to Williamson. Desires the loan of 40 guineas until to-morrow, when Lord Cornbury will pay him six score pounds promised; must stay at Moore Park till he comes. Lord Arlington, amongst other generous kindnesses, told him of some alterations likely to be made in the Custom farm, and if he can, he will bring in Jack Rynes; may thus have some good by it. Hides nothing from Williamson, and whatever he has, they shall have together. He must husband Jack wisely, and bring him to my Lord, who, for their sakes, will use him kindly. [2 pages.]

Aug. 16.
Norwich.

121. Thos. Corie to Williamson. If he is under umbrage for not paying for the insertion of the Norwich bill of mortality in the Gazette weekly; it is not his fault, as he has reminded the Court of Mayoralty thereof often, and they urge the great wants which the plague has brought upon them. Desires to be continued in his good opinion. Has of late been tardy in writing; but it was through ill health. Has been visited by Mr. Dean, who presents his services. The Mayor, &c. request that the post may come in on Mondays in the afternoon, as at Yarmouth, and desire that he will consult Lord Arlington upon it.

Aug. 16.
Yarmouth.

122. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Lord Darcy and Sir Ralph Knight's two troops are disbanded, and have delivered up their arms.

Aug. 16.
Plymouth.

123. John Clarke to Williamson. Wednesday morning the Dutch fleet appeared before the town, plied up and down the offing all day, and then stood to the westward; they showed themselves before Fowey, where there are 29 sail of the Virginia fleet, and played their cannon upon the newly raised works, from whence the great guns were discharged upon them, placing several shots in their hulls, and shooting down one of their masts. After one and a half hour's dispatch, they retired, but it is doubted whether at the flood they will not attempt to do some mischief. Fifteen companies of the

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trained band are drawn up, with some horse, and more are coming in, all full of courage. There are 20 boats well manned to attend their fire-ships, if they send any into the harbour.

Aug. 16. 124. John Clarke to James Hickey. To the same effect.

Aug. 16. 125. D. G[rosse] to Williamson. Fifty sail of the Dutch fleet
Plymouth. came to anchor in the Sound, and made for Fowey, where they attempted to get into the harbour to the Virginia fleet. They had a sharp dispute for an hour and a half, plying their broadsides on the shore. The entrance to the harbour is very narrow; 50 guns are planted along the shore, which our men plying so well that they bravely repelled them without any loss, and are prepared to receive them again if they should make another attempt. Sir Jon. Trelawney is there with his troop of horse, and 1,000 of the militia, besides seamen.

Aug. 16. 126. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The Dutch fleet of 56 sail
Plymouth. passed Dartmouth harbour, went into Torbay, and then came in sight of Plymouth. They took a small fisher boat, who gave them an account that the Virginia fleet was in Fowey, and that night they had a council, stood to the westward, anchored before Fowey harbour, within half cannon shot, and sent a galliot to sound the harbour's mouth. Capt. Johnson, commander of a fire-ship, with his pinnace well fixed with small arms, ran along the shore, and gave notice to all he saw to seek a safe harbour. Six Virginia ships of Plymouth were ordered to come about together. The enemy made an assault on the 15th, but did no great harm, save killing an old woman. Some shot from the works made them retreat, and one of their ships laid a careen. The country came in freely.

Aug. 16. 127. Thos. Iago, mayor, and five others of Dartmouth to Sir Thos.
Dartmouth. Clifford, comptroller of the household. Request him, according to his wonted care of them and the Western ports, to favour their petition for examination in the county of matters relating to the Newfoundland fishery, the endeavours to elect a governor there, made for private ends, being likely to prove pernicious. With names of commissioners suggested. [*See Aug. 28.*]

Aug. 16. Commission for Sir Edw. Fish to be Captain of Sir Henry
Belasyse's company at Hull. Minnte. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 177.*]

Aug. 16. Commission to Richard Dutton to be Under Lientenant to the
Duke of York's Guards. Minnte. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 177.*]

Aug. 16. Warrant to pay to Dame Barbara Villiers 600*l.* yearly, in lieu of
the 2*d.* out of every pound troy of silver money granted her for 21 years. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. ? 128. Petition of John Bromley to Lord Arlington for release.
Was sent to the Gatehouse for putting forth notes to give information of a book, but is free from all seditious and disloyal practices.

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Aug. 16. Warrant to the Keeper of the Gatehouse for discharge of John Bromley. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 540.]
- Aug. 16. 129. Examination and information of James Astwood, printer. John Bromley, a silversmith, brought him a ticket to print for the publishing of a book entitled "*A Trumpet blown in Sion, sounding an Alarm in God's holy Mountain, &c. Sold at y^e Black Spread Eagle, about y^e Middle of Barbican,*" (Calvert's house); which he printed at the press of Robert White, but knows nothing of the contents of the book. Saw a waste sheet in the house of John Darby with the running title "*A Trumpet sounding against Covetousness,*" which is part of the same book, and also a piece of manuscript, which he took for part of the copy by which the sheet was corrected.
- Aug. 1. 130. Petition of Jas. Astwood, printer, to Lord Arlington for discharge. Was committed for printing a small ticket of information of a book entitled "*A Trumpett blown in Sion, sounding an Alarm in God's holy Mountaine.*" Was ignorant that the ticket was unlawful, and his employer is now prisoner in the Gatehouse.
- Aug. 16. Warrant to Thos. Trulock for discharge of Astwood. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 540.]
- Aug. 1. 131. Petition of Col. Alexander Standish to the King for a regrant of the moiety now decreed to His Majesty by the Commissioners of Appeals, of the ship *St. Francis*, taken by a privateer before war was declared with the French, the said moiety being formerly granted to him, but afterwards adjudged to belong to the Lord High Admiral.
- Aug. 16. Warrant to the Comrs. of Prizes to deliver to Col. Alexander Standish the King's moiety of the monies arising from the sale of the *St. Francis*, condemned as a prize, and the other moiety adjudged to the captor. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 540.]
- Aug. 16. Pass to Signor Valerio, sent by His Imperial Majesty with a present of horses to the King, for 17 horses and 20 couple of hounds. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 541.]
- Aug. 17. Note that Thomas Leach, printer, entered a recognizance of 200*l.*, and two others in 100*l.* each, not to print any unlicensed book or pamphlet. [*Ent. Book* 28 f. 1.]
- Aug. 17. Note that Thomas Johnson, printer, entered a recognizance of 200*l.*, and two others of 100*l.* each, on the same condition. [*Ent. Book* 28 f. 1.]
- Aug. 17. 132. Capt. James Welsh to Williamson. Three vessels have passed Rye. to the eastward, supposed to be some convoys, or the Blackamoor pink and her prizes,
- Aug. 17. 133. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. The Virginia fleet arrived Lyme. at Fowey and Plymouth, but with the loss of one said to be fired and taken by the Dutch. The Dutch fleet on the coast has made or Plymouth Sound.

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Aug. 17. 134. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Saw the enemy in their
Harwich. old stations. Sir John Sayer's regiment disbanded and delivered
up their arms, as also Lord Sunderland's and Sir Richard Ingoldsbys
troops of horse; the like is done in Suffolk with those under the
command of Lord Berkley. Lord Oxford goes hence to-day for
Bently Hall; knows not when he intends for London.
- Aug. 17. 135. Col. Ant. Gilby to Williamson. A Scotch privateer sent
Hall. into Bridlington two Dutch prizes, laden with oil and whalebone.
- Aug. 17. 136. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The Dutch men-of-war con-
5 A.M. tinne at their old station, although they have had no very pleasant
Aldborough. riding for four or five days.
- Aug. 17. 137. Daniel Adams to Sir Wm. Penn. Several ships are there to
Bristol. be victualled, &c., but the necessaries must be sent down, as His
Majesty has no credit there. Knows not where the fault lies. Has
dealt cordially to their orders, but has since been governed by
another power; is out for the service 800*l*. Hopes they will
[order the greater part of it upon the Customs there, and shall be
ready to furnish the ships. *[Adm. Paper.]*
- Aug. 17. 138. Capt. Richard Trevanion to Sir Wm. Penn. The rope and
Bristol. sailmakers are ready to serve stores, and contented to stay for their
money until their honours think fit to pay them, provided what is
due to them upon the last account is ordered out of the Customs
there. Has seen Mr. Gauden's order to his agent to supply him
with three months' provisions for 110 men; his number at this
time is 145. Asks if he is to reduce it to 110. *[Adm. Paper.]*
- Aug. 17. 139. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. The Harp has arrived,
Bristol. and Capt. Hooper, the commander, has sent up his demands.
What is to be done to the Gift could be done at Bristol, in less time
and at less charge than at any other place, if provisions were
ordered. They have ordered the Dartmouth and Richmond to be
cleaned and tallowed, but no order is taken how the charge shall
be defrayed. Sir John Knight will not disburse a penny more, and
those that are willing are undone and cannot do it. One thousand
tons of timber remain of what was brought out of the Forest, and
between 300 and 400 tons still lie there, which will be much the
worse for want of carriage. *[Adm. Paper.]*
- Aug. 17. 140. Capt. Amos Beare to the Navy Comrs. Has impressed
The Richmond, 35 men for Sir Jeremiah Smith, hearing that he is commanded
King Road. from Ireland. *[Adm. Paper.]*
- Aug. 17. 141. Capt. J. Fletcher, of the Little Gift, to Sir Wm. Penn.
King Road. Hears that his ship is to go to Portsmouth to be fitted. Requests
that what pay is intended may be ordered at Bristol, and likewise
what is necessary for her refitting. The wants of the men are very
great. Has used all means to satisfy them, but they begin to be
rudely pressing; entreats that some pay may be ordered, Sir Wm.

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1667. Coventry having promised that care should be taken for them. Is going to convoy three ships to Waterford. Has only 14 days' provisions, and they will give none there without particular orders. Prays for some on his return. With note to let him come back to Milford. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 17. 142. Capt. Robert Hooper to Mr. Page. On the 15th, broke the
The Harp. mainyard, split all the sails by tempestuous weater, and was in
Kingroad. great danger of losing ship and lives, between the Islands of Milford. Asks him to speak to his Grace, and to desire him to write on behalf of his ship's pay, and a supply of stores, otherwise they are likely to stay there a good while. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 17. 143. Capt. Robert Hooper to the Navy Comrs. Acquainted them
The Harp. last month of the ship's wants. Coming from Dublin as a convoy,
Kingroad. the mainyard broke and their sails split. Asks for a supply, not having one sail that will hold to the yards. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 17. 144. Sir Wm. Coventry [to the Navy Comrs.] His Royal
Highness consents to their having the Wood Merchant fire-ship for weighing ships in the Medway, but will not bring the ships from Bristol till the peace takes place, or the Dutch are removed from Torbay, where they seek shelter from the late storms. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 17. 145. Edw. Bond to the Navy Comrs. Preferred a suit-in-law against John Strachan, master of the galliot boy, by order of the Lords Comrs. of Scotland, for purloining an anchor, cable, cordage, and other materials, value 260*l.*, and cast him in 150*l.* Shall still prosecute him if their honours will give order, and repair to Leith for that purpose. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 17. 146. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepya. No ships have been victualled
Ipswich. since his last. Squire Gauden has bought a quantity of hrushwood for haking biscuit, but they have not begun as yet. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 17. 147. Thos. Blackman to the Navy Comrs. Can sail in two or
Little Victory. three days' warning, with present provisions; but if the ship's foremast, &c. is set, it will be a week. She is so fitted that her mainmast is a foremast. When she lost her masts, she lost all that belonged to them, the foreyard excepted, and also the boat; has since spared the Oxford a cable, by order of Sir Wm. Batten. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 17. 148. John Huntington, master of the Adam and Eve galliot, to
Navy Office. the Navy Comrs. Is at Woolwich weighing the sunken ships, and wants provisions. Asks an order for supplies. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 17. 149. Giles Bond, master of the Hope galliot, to the Navy Comrs.
Navy Office. Is at Deptford ready to sail. Asks for a month's provisions. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 17. 150. Ja. Hayes to the Navy Comrs. The reward bestowed in last summer's expedition, upon such as spent their fire-ships in effectual executions, was 60*l.* to the captain, and 10*l.* a piece to the

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crew, when a man-of-war was destroyed by a fire-ship. Only in one instance, Captain Brown, commander of the *Richard*, for making the first impression of the action, and firing two men-of-war which rode with the fleet of merchants, was rewarded with 100*l*. There was no occasion to make a distinction between the reward of one burning a fire-ship and a man-of-war in the whole expedition, except the June engagement, when two of our fire-ships took off two of the enemy's fire-ships from the *Royal James*, where his Royal Highness then fought, and fired them. This was thought a piece of service that deserved a reward equal with the burning of a man-of-war, and it was bestowed accordingly. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Aug. 18.
Plymouth.

1. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. The victualler has no order for petty warrant, but desires one for the future. Four fire-ships have been in Catwater these three months, and are likely to remain this winter. The *Sorlings* is in the Sound attending the Dutch motions. The *Drake* has arrived and left the Dutch fleet off Falmouth. Shall send a weekly account when the order comes to the victualler for petty warrant. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 18.
Chatham Dock.

2. Estimate by Ph. Pett and five others for repairing the double dock at Chatham, which is so bad as to be in danger of falling down; amount, 612*l*. 10*s*. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 18.
Pembroke.

3. Fras. Malory to James Hickey. The *Tiger* frigate sailed with provisions for Sir Jeremiah Smith's squadron at Kinsale. The *Elias* and *Mermaid* continue in harbour.

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4. Fras. Malory to Williamson. To the same effect

Aug. 18.
Portsmouth.

5. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The *Yarmonth* is gone out of harbour and rides at Spithead, being newly fitted, manned, and victualled.

Aug. 18.
Dartmouth.

6. Jo. Lindsey to James Hickey. Fifty sail of the Dutch arrived from the westward, some of which are put into Torbay and the rest are following. Six of the Virginia fleet have come into Plymouth, and brought the ill news of the burning of 17 sail of their fleet in Virginia by the Dutch; all the rest have arrived at Fowey and Falmouth.

Aug. 18.
Newcastle.

7. M. Scott to Williamson. Being at Newcastle for the Assizes, begs to be excused giving any further notice, than that all is quiet there and in the country.

Aug. 18.
Falmouth.

8. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. Lord Arundel and the Depnty Lieuts. met for taking order with persons who did not send in their arms, and have not paid the money to their bearers, according to

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Act of Parliament ; as also for raising money for paying the militia. Hears the Dutch are before Fowey, where 25 of the Virginia fleet have put in, and that they made several shots ashore, but did little hurt beyond killing a woman or two at random. The place is fortified with 100 guns and 3,000 men, besides two troops of horse quartered there by order of Lord Arundel. Particulars of the proceedings of the Dutch fleet on the 16th and 17th, and their attempt to capture a pleasure boat and some ketches. They have come from Fowey, despairing of doing any good there, the passage being so narrow and so well fortified. [2 pages.]

Aug. 18.
Plymouth.

9. John Clarke to Williamson. The Dutch fleet have not attempted anything more at Fowey, and are gone westward ; the fortifications at Fowey are continued, both for the security of the shipping, and against the annoyance of the enemy.

Aug. 18.
Plymouth.

10. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The Dutch fleet sailed from Fowey without any further attempt and stood off to sea. The body of the fleet was seen at Falmouth, with three ships lingering astern to cut the Drake off the shore, but she tacked in and lost sight of them ; they number 38 in all.

Aug. 19.
Bristol.

11. Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. The Marquis of Worcester's regiment is disbanded. Though raised on a sudden,—the emergency of the occasion requiring such haste, and my Lord complying so with the necessity, that he mustered the whole regiment complete, and marched it in less than ten days after he received his commissions,—yet it was so well officered that Prince Rupert was highly satisfied, and chose that regiment to stand by him in Sheerness all the time he remained there. When there was a likelihood of an attack, the men showed such cheerfulness that they seemed overjoyed at the approach of the Dutch fleet, and their colonel led them to the post assigned, which was the nakedest place of the fort, where there had been no breastworks thrown up. In a march of 200 miles and more, which they began the day after they first mustered, there was not one complaint of them on the road they went, and every Sunday whilst in arms, both officers and men were present at Divine service. Had this relation from my Lord Marquis's own mouth, and finds it would be some further gratification to their fortnight's pay to let the world know how well the officers and soldiers behaved themselves in this adventure. Met 120 horse of the King's and Duke of York's guards at Leicester, making to Winscomb in Gloucestershire, to cut down the tobacco planted there in contempt of the law ; they were in very good equipage and order.

Aug. 19.
Rotterdam.

12. Sam. Tucker to Lord Arlington. Judith Singleton, an Englishwoman of that place, fears that her husband, who was in the fleet with Lord Willoughby, perished in the hurricane, having had no news of him since ; she went over to England, to obtain his goods and the pay of her brother, Hen. Hurd, slain in the last engagement with the Dutch, but being in drink, she spoke against the King, and was carried to Newgate where she remains. Her family, who

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are of Scarborough, were on the King's side in the civil war, and being in the castle during the siege, were plundered of all they had, and her mother obliged to go to Rotterdam. Begs his lordship to interfere for her release; she has relieved and helped out of Holland many an English prisoner during the wars, and wishes the King's prosperity. Her charges in prison will soon outrun her late brother's pay.

Aug. 19.
Scilly.

13. Col. Ant. Buller to Lord Arlington. Asks an ensign's commission in Capt Arundel's company of foot there, for Francis Hawes. Has the Duke of Albemarle's consent.

Aug. 19.
Bridlington.

14. John Bower to James Hickey. The Speedwell and Orange remain in the Bay. A bark laden with oil and whale-fin, and two fly-boats laden with ballast and meal, taken by the Scotch men-of-war, are brought in. Has no confirmation of the peace as yet, but hopes it will come shortly.

Aug. 19.
Weymouth.

15. Chr. Sawtell to Edm. Sawtell. The Deptford ketch has taken a Dutch vessel going to their fleet, laden with water and billet, and carried her into Guernsey. Country and town harken earnestly for the glad tidings of a proclaimed peace.

Aug. 19.
Hull.

16. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The Greenland vessel taken by the Oxford is the St. Peter of Bayonne, a new ship, and not fully finished. The Holland man-of-war will come up to-morrow, and the captains of the men-of-war are all below, and intend to be out with the first fair wind. A collier from Newcastle saw none of the enemy at sea.

Aug. 19.
Aldborough.

17. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Twenty small colliers sailed to the southward, and have got past the four Dutch men-of-war riding in the bay, who have since sailed to the north-east.

Aug. 19.
Chester Castle.

18. Sir Geoffrey Shakerley to Williamson. His cousin, Levison Fowler, Williamson's pupil and high sheriff of Shropshire, died on Saturday last about nine at night. Did not receive Thursday's paper, so judges news to be very dead.

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19. "Advices received," being notes from letters calendared above, and from the following:—

Dublin, Aug. 13: The Hope has arrived from Barbadoes, being parted from a Liverpool vessel in a storm.

Kinsale, Aug. 9: Sir Jer. Smith is clearing his ships; on arrival of the Drake, he sent two frigates for intelligence, but they only met with one frigate on the coast to secure the West India fleet. A frigate is sent to advise Rear-Admiral Kempthorne of all occurrences.

Aug. 19.
Yarmouth.

20. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Thirty-six vessels laden with coal have gone for London, and 400 or 500 sail in the harbour are impatient to be gone. Begs assistance in a petition to the King for a hoy prize, appraised at 43*l*, but if it be thought he aims at making an advantage, desires she may be appraised again; only does it to prevent loss by what he has laid out.

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Aug. 19. 21. Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. Fourteen of the Virginia ships have arrived in King Road.
- Aug. 19. 22. Jo. Man to Williamson. Those parts afford nothing of news.
Swansea.
- Aug. 19. 23. Edward Lord Blayney to Williamson. Desires an ensign's commission for Thos. Jones.
- Aug. 19. 24. Pass for Lady Mary Weston, with her servants and goods,
Whitchall. from Flanders to England.
- Aug. 19. 25. John Smith to Williamson. The four Dutch men-of-war still
Margate. ride on the North Foreland, notwithstanding the foul weather, but have not attempted anything.
- Aug. 19. 26. Sir Nic. Armorer to Williamson. Thanks for his loan of
Lichfield. 40 guineas; sends an order for his servant to repay it. If he give him a warrant for a brace of bucks, desires he will send it, with a line, to Sir Edward Bagot at Blithfield in Staffordshire, which will introduce a correspondence with as worthy, plain, and honest a gentleman as the earth bears. Meets with great dissatisfaction concerning the post office, and hopes it will be well considered. [1½ pages.]
- Aug. 19. 27. Sir Philip Musgrave to Williamson. It cheers up his spirits to find his weak performances in his old age accepted according to the intention. Met at Carlisle with a book containing the information given last winter to the House of Commons concerning the burning of London, also concerning the insolvency of Papists, with some very seditious additions. Supposed it was not fit to be dispersed in the country, and seized upon 18 in one shop, and gave them to the Mayor of Carlisle; also the letter of him who sent 24 of them to Richard Scott, a Presbyterian shopkeeper. Requests Lord Arlington's commands in the matter. What his son tells him of Williamson's favours to both of them will ever encourage him to care. [2 pages.]
- Aug. 19. 28. John Humphreys and Thos. Hide, masters of the Pulborough
Bristol. pink and the John to the Navy Comrs. Ask that the Gift frigate, ordered to Portsmouth, may conduct them to that place; are laden with pitch and iron, and have been at great expense for victuals and wages, in waiting four months for a convoy. [Adm. Paper.]
- Aug. 20. 29. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Intends launching the
Deptford. Franakin this week, and the docks will then be ready to receive any other ships that want repairing. [Adm. Paper.]
- Aug. 20. 30. Comr. John Taylor to the Navy Comrs. Has said nothing un-
Harwich. true about Capt. [Silas] Taylor. Can prove that he refused to sign Mr. Maddocks' second bill, with the caution in the margin, though ordered by their honours. Has moved Capt. Deane and the two instruments to certify their knowledge about the abatements of

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Mr. Maddocks' sappy timber, and hopes it will appear that Capt Taylor is mistaken in what he affirms. With a note signed by Jo. Gregory and John Smith that Capt. Taylor saw the bill and the cautionary note written in the margin, and refused to sign it. Endorsed, "Comr. Taylor, relating to some differences between himself and Capt. Taylor the storekeeper; with several papers appertaining to the same." [Adm. Paper.] *Enclosing.*

30. I. *Account by Jo. Gregory and two others of canvas in the stores at Harwich, from 23 July 1666 to the last of April 1667.*

30. II. *Comr. John Taylor to Capt. Taylor, storekeeper. Directed a warrant to him and the storekeeper to receive a quantity of timber from Mr. Payne. Complaint is made of no order being given for measuring it, though it has been used some time since. If he pretend the warrant was not sent, has often told him of it, and knows it has been shown him, and that he can have a copy from the clerk of the cheque.* *Harwich, July 18, 1667.*

30. III. [Comr. John Taylor] *to the Navy Comrs. Money is wanted for contingencies, and for broom already spent, there not being enough in store to clean two ships. Sends accounts between himself and the storekeeper of Harwich, who has been receiver and payer of the money charged on him. He must have a good sum in hand, but will account with none but those that can give a discharge. Told him he thought without the writer, his account could not be allowed, but he will venture that.* *Harwich, Aug. 1, 1667.*

30. IV. *Certificate by Ant. Deane that Mr. Maddocks' timber was sufficiently abated for any defects; also certificate by Jo. Gregory, that his and the storekeeper's instrument gave him notice that they had made allowance for all defects in Mr. Maddocks' timber, before the bill was made out.*

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30. V. *Certificate by Thos. Castell and Arthur Radford, instruments of the clerk of the cheque and the storekeeper, that they measured Mr. Maddocks' timber and made fair allowances for sap and other defects, and certified Mr. Gregory and the clerk of the stores accordingly, and that the timber was all used by Capt. Deane.*

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Harwich.

31. *Capt. Silas Taylor to the Navy Comrs. Since they have determined on the contest between him and Comr. Taylor, that his obedience will be better than his sacrifice, shall act accordingly. Recites portions of his instructions as storekeeper, directing him not to receive any provisions contracted for by the principal officers, notwithstanding he have a warrant so to do, &c. unless he have a copy of the contract, and find the provisions to agree therewith;*

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and especially to make abatements for redness or rottenness in timber; otherwise he is authorized to refuse its receipt. This was the very matter in difference concerning Mr. Maddocks. Told him to procure a note under the Commissioner's hand of his approbation and allowance, and he would sign a receipt. Was not so foolish as to lodge fuel in the storehouse; stowed it in yards near, but had some removed in obedience to the Commissioner's order. Thinks it hard that the master shipwright can have a stable in the very middle of the King's yard, where all the dung of his horse is every day their nosegay, and in the meantime the keeper of the yard cannot have room for a load or two of blockwood. Will answer the many complaints of the Commissioner *visd voce* with proofs, if they please; they will find none more observant to his trust nor more faithful and dutiful to his superiors than himself. Asks for a supply of deals, in which request Mr. Deane refuses to join. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

Aug. 20.
Harwich.

32. Jo. Gregory to Sam. Pepys. Sends an account of men mustered on board ships on the 19th inst. Has sent their books to Sir Wm. Penn. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 20.
Hove.

33. Capt. Thos. Foulis to the Navy Comrs. Is ordered to Chatham. Had not one piece of meat in the ship, but has got as much provision from Sir Edw. Spragg as will last him there, when he hopes for supplies, having the whole complement of men allowed on board. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 20.
Portsmouth.

34. John Shales to the Navy Comrs. Will obey their order, take a rest of the victualling stores in that port, transmit the same to them, and then look on himself as free from his present business. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 20.
Dublin.

35. Capt. Jas. Sharland, of the Mary yacht, to the Navy Comrs. Finds from Capt. Crispin that all the stores at Kinsale are expended. Can have the cordage and sails required made at Liverpool by Wm. Bushell, if payment may be had in two months. The cordage will cost 52s. per cwt. and the canvas 1s. 6d. per yard. Asks directions. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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36. Robt. Mayors to [the Navy Comrs.] Mr. Hulbert will serve 100 loads of timber into the yard at Deptford, and desires a warrant for their receipt, and a bill of imprest for 100*l.* to be set off upon his old bills; also the bill of the elm timber to be assigned on the Exchequer. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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37. Names of 173 yeomen of the guard now living; with note that 21 of these are yeomen ushers; also that out of the usual number of 200, 27 are dead since the King made the stop. [*2 pages.*]

Aug. 20.
Whitehall.

38. Lord Arlington to ———. Understands that Sir Winston Churchill long since gave notice of the trust reposed in him and the writer by Lady Aungier for receiving 300*l.* per annum for her use, out of the rents of her lord's lands in his hands; desires that the year's rent due at Michaelmas may be paid, notwithstanding his

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pretended mortgage. Cannot believe it a real one, or that Lord Aungier would establish his wife's recompense for her lands in Ireland, for which ready money was paid, on a pre-engaged estate. Is a near relation to Lady Aungier, and she assured him that the profits of the lands which were passed to Sir Winston Churchill and himself for her use are sufficient to answer her expectations and his pretences. [*Draft.*]

[Aug. 20.] 39. Another draft, with several differences.

Aug. 20. 40. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. The Yarmouth frigate and
Portsmouth. the Wild Boar fire-ship are at Spithead, ready to sail.

Aug. 20. 41. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Dutch remain in their
Harwich. stations, but do not attempt anything. Lord Oxford is gone to Bently Hall.

Aug. 20. 42. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Finds in the news the
Harwich. injury done by the four Dutch ships to the Virginia fleet in James's River, and desires His Majesty's leave to go over there as engineer, with an allowance out of the moneys raised there for defraying the government; if he can be appointed for the whole of Virginia, Maryland, and New England, it will comply with his desires, and also with his study and employment whilst in Dunkirk. Sir Bernard de Gomme is jealous of his knowledge of fortifications. It is a proposition neither chargeable nor irregular, and very feasible, and Lord Arlington can make the salary very comfortable, and the subsistence during life.

Aug. 20. 43. John Clarke to Williamson. The Dutch fleet appeared before
Plymouth. Pendennis Castle, but attempted nothing, and are gone to Mount's Bay. The fortifications at Fowey are continued, and Sir Thos. Allin has sent two frigates to put in two fire-ships. Lord Bath and Sir Thos. Allin have posted there to see how things are ordered. The soldiers and seamen are full of courage, and not in the least afraid of any attempt the enemy can make.

Aug. 20. 44. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. A fleet of 22 sail, supposed
Lyne. to be part of the Dutch fleet, and some victuallers passed to the westward. The Paradox frigate in the bay is waiting to convoy some vessels with provisions to Jersey and Guernsey.

Aug. 20. 45. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The privateer belonging to
Newcastle. Mr. Crevet, who is employed by the prize office, has taken four prizes. The judges left Newcastle yesterday, and there is only one woman condemned. A Dantzicker has come in, laden with flax for Scotland, and also a fire-ship.

Aug. 20. 46. Capt. James Welsh to Williamson. Two of the ships he
Rye. last mentioned were Dutch men-of-war, who gave chase to a great English merchant ship; one fetched her up, but found her too strong to deal with, having 30 guns, and the other could not sail fast enough

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1667. to come up with her. Capt. Tite's privateer has arrived, and the French vessel which brought some Portuguese two months' since, by virtue of his Royal Highness's pass, has sailed for Dieppe.
- Aug. 20. Pass for Nich. Le Fevre to France. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 241.*]
- Aug. 21. Licence for Gratian de Perenaut to transport 12 horses into France. Minute. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 29.*]
- Aug. 21. 47, 48, 49. Two blank commissions for lieutenants and one for an ensign. Three documents. Whitehall.
- Aug. 21. 50. Commission for — Frazier to be ensign to Sir Chichester Whitehall. Wray's company.
- Aug. 21. 51. Commission for — Baggot to be ensign in Capt. Roscarrock's Whitehall. company.
- Aug. 21. 52. The King to the Treasury Comrs. Has determined to settle Whitehall. on the Queen Consort, in full of her jointure, 40,000*l.* a year from Crown lands: of this sum 22,875*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.* is already settled; they are therefore to make particulars of Crown lands, to be chosen by the Queen's agents, and to have them rated by the surveyor, so as to complete the 40,000*l.*, and also to make up any deficiencies caused by fee farm rents in London, which cannot be paid on account of the fire, or for rents defective from any other causes. [*4 pages.*]
- Aug. 21. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 17, pp. 257-8.*]
- Aug. 21. 53. Rich. Bower to Williamson. A Scotch privateer arrived with three prizes, and to stop a leak, having been forced on the coast by the northerly winds. A Swedish vessel passed southward, and kept Yarmouth. her course for London, though she lost her maintopmast, and the head of her mainmast. The Sessions began and ended to day, with the trial of some petty felonies, and presentments for annoyances and neglect of the watch.
- Aug. 21. 54. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Understanding Mr. Brames, a Deal. Dover merchant, had by the persuasion of the skipper of the Van Scowen prize, from Hoorn in the Netherlands, made his loss more than it was, went aboard with Sir Thos. Teddeman and Mr. Brown, agent for Lord Ashley, and proved to his face that his great loss was a pretended cheat. Knowing that Lord Arlington and himself are much concerned in such affairs, when complaint is made to the Swedish ambassador, sends a paper to undeceive them. *Encloses,*
54. 1. *Inventory by Ri. Watts and five others of the furniture and effects of the ship Van Scowen, full of merchants' goods, as also of what was found missing. The master of the ship confessed that after he was taken by the Dutch, they did not offer any abuse to him, or his company. [Copy 2 pages.]* Downe, 20 Aug. 1667,

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Aug. 21.
Dover.

55. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Lisle is taken, and those that were within marched out with bag and baggage, and colours flying, to the number of 6,000 persons, after several hot disputes, and with the loss of some thousands. Hopes the Flanders packet boats will bring news of pence. Capt. John Pettie is returned from Paris, and says that Carr is taken there, by order of Lord St. Alban's, and gives out that he had 40*l.* of the writer to go with. Will prove this to be false, if Carr be sent to England again, and they come face to face.

Aug. 21.
Hull.

56. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Capt. Coleman and others are gone down, intending for sea; also the Commissioners of the Prize Office, with several seamen, to bring up the Holland man-of-war. Four Swedes arrived from Gottenburg came into the Sound, in company with 100 Hollanders, all laden, and with only one man-of-war for convoy.

Aug. 21.
Falmouth.

57. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. The Dutch are gone from before Fowey, and appeared betwixt Mount's Bay and the Lizard, where they made several attempts to land, but were forced back, and some killed. Lord Arundel is very vigilant in observing their motion, and in ordering companies and guns from place to place, and has been present at Fowey, with Sir John Arundel, to secure the shipping in that port. The fleet continues in the west, sometimes near the shore, and at other times far out at sea.

Aug. 21.

58. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect.

[Aug. 21.]

59. Petition of John Nurton, of Worcester, clothier, to the King, for relief. Being constable of Worcester in 1645, impressed horses and teams for the late King, and has been obliged to pay himself for several horses taken and never returned. Was plundered of 200*l.*, all he had, after the battle of Worcester. Was referred on a former petition to the mayor and aldermen of the city, but they only gave him 20 marks, whereas he is in danger of prison for a debt of 140*l.* *Annexing.*

59. 1. *Certificate by Sir Col. Sam. Sandys, and four others, in favour of the petitioner.*

Aug. 21.

Reference of the above petition to the Treasury Comrs. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 257.*]

Aug. 21.

Reference to the Treasury Comrs. of the petition of Nich. Kidwell, for a lease in fee-farm of some concealed Crown lands in Surrey, discovered by him. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 257.*]

Aug. 21.
Dover.

60. Warham Jemmett, jun., to Williamson. The four packet boats have been stayed by weather, but the Calais mails have arrived, and are on their way. The Nieuport boats are expected. Will give his Uncle Jemmett their enclosure.

Aug. 21.
Milford.

61. Jo. Powell to James Hickey. Francis Malory being dead, will inform him of what happens in those parts, if he will direct his letters to him at the Custom House at Pembroke. Three vessels arrived from New England, laden with sugar, which report the place in a very good condition. The Elias and Mermaid frigates remain

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1667. in harbour, the former being bound for Kinsale, with beer from Bristol for Sir Jeremiah Smith.
- Aug. 21. 62. John Powell to Williamson. To the same effect.
- Aug. 21. 63. Sir John Bennett to Lord Arlington. Requests that Wm. Loquer, who brings 60 or 70 letters a week in his waggon, from Tunbridge and other places, may be committed to a messenger, till he can be brought before Council.
- Aug. 21. 64. Rich. Ford to Williamson. Recommends Mr. Custis of Hull for employment. He will have no cause to repent of any favour shown him.
- Aug. 21. 65. Capt. Thos. Bridgeman to Sir Wm. Batten. Asks for an order to receive a cable, now in the French prize from Greenland, taken and delivered up to the Commissioners by Capt. Bass. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 21. 66. Capt. John King to Mr. Hayter. Asks for 50 tickets. Has been forced for want of them to give several men written ones, having an order from Sir Edw. Spragg to discharge men. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 21. 67. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Comrs. Asks free gift and imprest money for Alex. Woodson, appointed surgeon of the Providence fire-ship by Sir Frescheville Holles. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 21. 68. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. Sir Edw. Spragg being forced to supply victuals to the fire-ships out of the Diamond, it must be enquired how the Diamond is provided. The Portland and Reserve must be kept up to six weeks each, being intended to fetch over the ambassadors. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 21. 69. T. Hayter to Mr. Sprigg. Asks him to certify whether there were any sea victuals sent on board the Royal Exchange, as he has only certified that Mr. Rogers has passed his account for harbour victualling. With two certificates by Fras. Sprigg, that Phil Rogers has passed the harbour victualling account for the Royal Exchange, from July 1 to 13, 1667, and that no sea provisions were delivered to the ship since July 1, 1667. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 21. 70. Account by Capt. Perriman of proceedings on board ships named lying in the river, between the 15th and 21st August 1667. [*Adm. Paper, 2½ pages.*]
- Aug. 22. 71. Christopher Pett to Sam. Pepys. Mr. Abbotts's elm and oak timber are much wanted for carrying on the works. Knows not where a supply can be had elsewhere. He will let their honours have it if they will procure him 200*l.* in hand, and the remainder secured by the eleven months' tax, as was formerly proffered him. Asks them to agree for the same, to order a supply of deals for dispatching the works of the Navy, and to take some steps for payment of the men. They are in great necessity, their families sick, and many perishing in the town for want. [*Damaged. Adm. Paper.*]

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The King to the Lord Mayor. There being great want of masons and bricklayers to carry on the important works at Sheerness, he is to summon the masters and warlens of those companies, and order as many able workmen to be sent as shall perfect the work before the season of the year prevents. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 259.*]

[Aug. 22.] 72. Draft of the above.

Aug. 22.

73. Account of liveries and arms due to the yeomen of the Guard, warders of the Tower, messengers, and other servants, from 1662 to 1667, amounting to 16,316*l.* 4*s.*, with notes as to the mode of providing the same, from the Exchequer, great Wardrobe, or the Tower. [*2 pages.*]

Aug. 22.

74. Statement by [Stephen] Chace, His Majesty's apothecary, to [the Commissioners for the King's expenses,] that the allowance to the several officers of the apothecary are the same as in the time of Charles I., except that the barbers have quarterly two dozen of white quilted hags of fine linen, with aromatized sweet powder for ruhing His Majesty's head, and several ounces of perfumes weekly for the airing and better keeping of His Majesty's stuff, the Council chamber, Wardrobes, and Parliament house, for plays, and for balls, healings, bathings, &c., by virtue of warrants from the Lord Chamberlain, as well as 12*s.* per quarter for sweetening the Chapel linen. Implores an order for payment of 6,000*l.* due from the Treasury Chamber, as per hills signed and delivered. [*2 pages.*]

Aug. 22.

75. John Carey, master of the buckhounds, to [the Commissioners for the King's expenses,]. There is no alteration in the stipends and salaries paid to the master and huntsmen of the buckhounds, from the time of Charles I., except to the master of the office, and to John Davies and Barth. Montague, two of the huntsmen. Had the same office of master in 1642, under His Majesty, then Prince of Wales, with a stipend of 20*l.* and a pension of 100*l.* Continued in office on His Majesty's return. In consideration of his many years of service, and his relinquishing the 120*l.* per annum, and all other salaries, &c. received by former masters, had a pension of 500*l.* a-year during pleasure in lieu thereof. John Davies and Barth. Montague, being huntsmen also when His Majesty was Prince of Wales, obtained their salaries during life, but no others are to succeed in their places. A small allowance should be paid the huntsmen from the great wardrobe, very little of which has been paid. When the late King had purveyance for his household, the masters of the buckhounds had a commission from the Greencloth to require the high constables of the hundred where the huntsmen and hounds were lodged, during the summer hunting, to bring in hay at 6*d.* the truss, oats at 12*d.* the bushel, and straw at 2*d.* the truss, which was so great a benefit to them that, when purveyance was no longer taken, His Majesty gave the master 30*l.* per annum, the serjeant 20*l.*, each yeoman

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10*l.*, and the grooms 5*l.*, but since the Restoration they have not received any recompense. [2 pages.] *Annexing.*

75. 1. *List of the huntsmen, with the amount received by each for wages and liveries, as charged in the Treasurer of the Chamber's office: total, 2,249*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.* yearly. With note that they are 2½ years in arrear.* [2 pages.]

Aug. 22.
Aldborough.

76. Rich. Browne to Williamson. The four Dutch men-of-war have moved their station two leagues eastward. An Aldborough pilot would have taken a laden Swede to London, but discovering 35 sail of the Dutch fleet, put in to Harwich, and some colliers have also put in there for security. A Dutch hoy came out of the north-east and stood for the Gunfleet; a lusty Flemish ship also came flying from the south-east. Supposes her a victualler, or one which exchanges prisoners.

Aug. 22.
Lady Allington's House,
Drury Lane.

77. E. Countess of Dysart to Williamson. Desires a conference with him, either at his office or her lodging.

Aug. 22.
Dover.

78. Warham Jemmet, jun., to Williamson. The Flanders mails were detained by bad weather. One went thence this morning, having on board Albertus Otto Faber, who had His Majesty's pass for his transportation. *Annexing.*

78. 1. *Memorandum by Theophilus Wimple, master of a packet boat, that he has received from John Sumner, messenger, the person of Albertus Otto Faber, to convey him to Flanders. With note that he was put on board the boat on the 22nd instant.* Aug. 21, 1667.

Aug. 22.
Dover.

79. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Two packet boats from Flanders bring news that peace was proclaimed at Breda on the 14th inst. Hopes it will not be long before it is proclaimed there. The Nieuport packet boat sailed with the two last mails, and carried Albertus Otto Faber, a doctor, banished by His Majesty's order. He had been a prisoner at Oxford, and was brought by John Sumner, a messenger. Desires an answer concerning the management of the packet boats, and as to being mayor of the town for the year ensuing.

Aug. 22.
Carlisle.

80. Sir P. Musgrave to Williamson. Though the assizes are on, it takes time to inquire what discourses are going on amongst the bad people, relating to government; finds that the fanatics in the north, being disappointed of assistance from abroad by the peace, set up their rest on their friends' belief that the King is a papist, and intends to set up the Popish religion, and have so far possessed not only fanatics, but several of the ignorant common people with this opinion, that it is publicly discoursed among them that they will rise in arms for defence of religion, and oppose the King and the Popish party. They persuade their disciples that their friends in the south are ready to appear in arms, and that notice shall be sent to join. His son has acquainted Williamson of the small strength in that county to oppose desperate people; observed the same at the time of the alarm

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by the Chatham business. The Earl of Carlisle is every minute expected. Is attending at the main guard to receive him with soldiers' compliments. [1½ pages.]

Aug. 22.
Harwich.

81. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. A Dantzicker saw the Dutch fleet five or six leagues off at sea; it had received orders to return home, peace being fully concluded. Has desired Sir Joseph Jordan not to alter the station of our ships and fire-ships, till orders come. He will keep them up till he understands the days of limitation and expiration, and fears this may be a trick of the Dutch. The Dantzicker had with him an ambassador from Poland to His Majesty. Is ordered to attend the Earl of Oxford at Bently Hall.

Aug. 22.
Swansea.

82. John Man to Williamson. Begs he will remember the Virginia business. Two vessels from Dublin for Bristol without convoy, being chased by a sloop with many oars, were forced to make for Milford Haven, where they are now safe. It is feared the sloop may do much mischief on that coast. The Mermaid and Elias frigates lie in Milford Haven for orders.

Aug. 22.
Portsmouth.

83. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. All is still and quiet in those parts. The Yarmouth is gone to cruise off the Isle of Wight.

Aug. 23.
Limbeth House.

84. M. Smyth to Williamson. Solicits assistance on behalf of Wm. Lockyer, carrier of Penshurst, who has transgressed through carrying letters. He pretends ignorance, and promises future conformity; he lies at Lord Arlington's mercy, and the procuring of it would be a charitable act.

Aug. 23.
Dartmouth.

85. Jo. Lindsey to Williamson. De Ruyter and his squadron are all at anchor before the harbour, but without shot of the guns. Cannot discover their intentions.

Aug. 23.
Fowey.

86. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The Nonsuch ketch, sent to discover the Dutch fleet, reports that 46 sail of them have been at Mount's Bay and the Lizard for four or five days. Imagines the Zealand squadron is gone on the coast of Ireland. The harbour is in a very good posture for the reception of the enemy, if they should make any attempt, having a good store of soldiers, seamen, and guns. The Sorlings and Drake are gone to the coast of France, to see Scilly, and return in eight days.

Aug. 23.
Plymouth.

87. John Clarke to Williamson. The Dutch fleet is off Mount's Bay. The Earl of Bath and Sir Thos. Allin are still at Fowey, ordering affairs; the Sorlings and two other ships are sent out to watch the motion of the enemy, all care being taken to fortify against any attempt. A small collier arrived from Wales, which strangely escaped the Dutch fleet.

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88. John Clarke to James Hickers. To the same effect.

Aug. 23.
Lynn.

89. Edm. Bodham to Williamson. The coast has not been infested with pickeroons for a long time, yet the ships will not go to sea

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until hostilities cease. The town and country are very sickly, but not infectious, and the great expectation is the proclamation of peace.

Aug. 23. 90. Rich. Forster to Williamson. A Swede and two fishermen
Newcastle. arrived laden with fish, &c.

Aug. 23. 91. Sir Nich. Armorer to Williamson. Got there yesterday and
Dublin. is towards Kilkenny. Sends duty to Lords Arlington and Ossory ; will presume to trouble one if not both of them. That place affords nothing but the general complaint of the world, plenty of money. The army has had assignments for three or six months' pay. Desires to be supplied with the German Gazette; sends service to honest Will. Chiffinch, and the women of his relations.

[Aug. 23.] 92. Petition of Daniel O'Sullivan, of Beerhaven, to the King, for relief; was sent to the Fleet prison for a debt of 50*l.* and giving security for his liberty in 200*l.*, went into Monmouthshire, where, being sent by Lord Herbert to Chepstow Castle, and kept a year, he could not redeem his bond, and his sureties were imprisoned. Is now in the Fleet for 40*l.*, charged him for chamber rent there whilst he was prisoner in Chepstow. [*See Council Register.*]

Aug. 23. 93. Certificate of receipts on the 18 months' assessment in the Exchequer, from 15 Sept. 1666 to 31 May 1667, from six counties; total, 2,243*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.*

Aug. 23. 94. Proclamation by the King, giving six months' notice of his
Whitehall. intention to recall certain dispensations of some clauses in the Acts for encouraging and increasing shipping and navigation and trade, made by Order of Council of 22 March 1664, to the end that no merchant or other person concerned should be surprised. [*Printed.*]

Aug. 23. Duplicate of the above. [*Proc. Coll., Charles II., f. 247.*]

[Aug. 23.] 95. Draft of the above.

Aug. 23. Release and discharge to the Physicians in Ordinary of all money due to the King on the four last subsidies granted by Parliament. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 23. Warrant to pay to Wm. Chiffineh and other Pages of the Bed-chamber 30*l.* yearly, for washing the King's sheets. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 23. Warrant that the various sums of money for the use of the Navy ordered to be paid to Sir George Carteret, late treasurer of the Navy, be paid to the Earl of Anglesey, the now treasurer. [*Docquet.*]

Aug. 23. 96. Samuel Langford to the Navy Comrs. Shall return an account of provisions in store, and then desist from his employment. Asks that a bill of 50*s.* for disbursements for boat hire, paper, &c., may be included, and that his bills may be paid. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Aug. 23. 97. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Victualling of ships.
Kinsale. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne, with the *Defiance* and *Warspite*, arrived ; the rest of his squadron was dispersed by a storm, and put into Limerick. Arrival and departure of other ships named. Sir Jer. Smith is much offended at several intricacies in his affairs. He has orders to preserve entire the chests of money taken in the Viningburgh, yet has disbursed some of it for victualling, but with much discomposure. Gives the names of ships in the port. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 23. 98. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Desires two victual-ling ships to be sent to the *Hope*, to accompany the *Portland* and *Reserve* to Flushing, to bring over the ambassadors' goods from Breda. The King and Council have resolved to discharge the merchant and fire-ships.
- Aug. 23. 99. Sir Edward Spragg to the Navy Comrs. Has victualled
The *Diamond*, most of the fire-ships, smacks, and galliots out of the *Diamond* ;
Hope. victualling 400 men, besides the ship's complement, will soon be out of provisions. Reuben Presman is master of a smack, leaky and out of victuals, which it will be well to discharge. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 23. 100. Capt. Abraham Ansley to the Navy Comrs. Asks that a
Sheerness. room or two may be built for his lodging, if they think it necessary that he should remain there. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 23. 101. Certificate by J. Wren that James Studely, purser of the *Blackamoor*, has passed his victualling account, between 14 April and 31 October 1665. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 23. 102. Capt. Amos Benre to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Furzer has
The *Richmond*, found several defects in the ship, but she has been cleaned. Hopes
King Road. to be despatched on the 29th instant. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 24. 103. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Repairs of the Dart-
Bristol. mouth and *Richmond*. Asks for payment. Engaged that the men should be satisfied for their work immediately, or could not have brought them on. The bill for 600*l.* is not yet satisfied. There is a store of money in the Custom House there, by the coming in of the *Virginia* ships, which might be supplied if the Farmers of Customs would give orders to Mr. Morgan the collector. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 24. 104. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. They are to for-
St. James's. hear sending a paymaster to Kinsale for paying the ships there, till King and Council give further directions. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 24. 105. N. Holt to the Navy Comrs. Asks whether 75 barrels of
Chatham. gunpowder, secured in the yard when the enemy was in the river, are to remain there, or be removed to the old dock, for more safety. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 24. 106. E. Countess of Dysart to Williamson. The first pension
Friday. was prepared in the name of herself and sisters, upon the pretence
London. of the right of succession to all that was due to her father ; the

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whole of the business was transacted in their names, so long as they were allowed to pretend to the farm of the Rhenish wines; but after disagreement given to that, no further address was made to the King; referred the case to his pleasure, and Sec. Nicholas drew up in her name the warrant for the patent she now has for a pension of 800*l*. Has sent to Sir Ed. Nicholas for what information he can give, but Sir Philip Warwick will be the best able to serve her, it being more useful to procure the Lord Treasurer's report to the King upon her petition, than the petition itself. Sir Philip being out of town, shall go to Eason, and return by Friday to get more information.

Aug. 24.
Hull.

107. Col. Ant. Gilby to Williamson. A Scotch privateer has brought into Scarborough a Dutch prize from Greenland, of 200 tons, laden with oil and whalebone. The *Orange* has come in from the coast of Norway, where she burnt in one of their harbours two vessels laden with corn, and a new ship on the stocks, and plundered the whole town.

Aug. 24.
Hull.

108. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. A Swede arrived from the Sound, which was plundered by a small caper. Six men-of-war loosed out of Humber, and the *Orange* came in to victual, and then followed them. The Holland man-of-war taken by the *Swallow* has come up, but there is nothing but guns and sails left in her.

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109. A. Ellis to [Williamson]. Desires notice to be given in the Gazette that the Kentish office is removed from the Round House to the grand office in Bishopsgate Street, for the better dispatch of business. With draft clause of an order that if any postmaster charge more for a letter than the proper rate, the money shall be returned, on complaint at the General Post Office, London, and the offending postmaster discharged.

Aug. 24.
Milford.

110. John Powell to Williamson. The *Mermaid* sailed with 15 colliers under convoy for Plymouth, and the *Elias* for Kinsale, having taken in the provisions that came from Bristol for Sir Jeremiah Smith. Two vessels from Nevis report that the French with 25 sail attempted that place, but 10 ships made a very handsome dispute, and beat them back into their own harbour. A small vessel from New England, laden with sugar and tobacco, reports all to be well there.

Aug. 24.
Aldborough.

111. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Forty laden colliers sailing southward discovered a galliot, supposed to be a Dutch man-of-war, whereupon they shortened sail, but she was found to be Comr. Taylor of Harwich's hoy, which had been out to seek the Dutch fleet.

Aug. 24.
Harwich.

112. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Dutch fleet has gone off the coast, and several laden colliers have come about from Yarmouth, and anchored below Landguard Fort; 11 or 12 have sailed towards the Thames, and the rest are coming after.

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Aug. 24. 113. Chapter of Salisbury to the King. Their late bishop, Alex. Hyde, having died on Aug. 22, they send up Dr. Price, John Durel, and James Gardiner, canons, to request his leave to elect another pastor. [*Latin.*]

Aug. 24. 114. Chapter of Salisbury to Gilbert Archbishop of Canterbury Chapter House, Were informed on August 23 of the death of Alexander late Bishop Sarum. of Salisbury, and assembling together, nominated Dr. John Priaulx Rich. Drake, chancellor of the cathedral, Dr. Thos. Hinchman, Arch. Wiltes, and Thos. Hill, canons residentiary, one of whom they request him to empower to exercise ecclesiastical jurisdiction till the election of a bishop, according to their composition with his predecessor, Boniface. [*Latin.*]

Aug. 24. 115. H. Killigrow to Williamson. Assures him, in spite of all the calumnies malicious people asperse, that he is pressed to the last extremity, when he sues him, though a stranger, for the loan of 30*l.* to carry him on a journey so important to his future, which if refused, will be followed with a gaol and a million other miseries he cannot foresee.

Aug. 24. Warrant for a pardon to William Richards, of Auliscumb, co. Devon, professor of physic, maliciously indicted of a rape, and convicted on the single evidence of the prosecutor. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 542.*]

[Aug. 24.] 116. Note [by Williamson] that the tidings of peace have been sent to Lord [Arlington's] correspondents, whether the post goes; also extracts of treaties have been sent to foreign ambassadors, &c. named, but have still to be sent to certain colonial governors, with such instructions as the King thinks fit. [*2 pages.*]

[Aug.] 117. Minutes of the manner in which peace is to be proclaimed with the Dutch, viz., a letter to the Lord Mayor to meet the heralds at Temple Bar, on August 24, between 11 and 12 o'clock; an order to Garter to nominate four officers of arms to publish it at the Court gate; orders to four serjeants-at-arms, the serjeant trumpeters and eight trumpeters to attend; and an order to the Lord General to appoint a squadron of horse to assist in the solemnity.

Aug. 24. 118. The King to the officers-at-arms. They are to choose six of their number, four heralds and two pursuivants, to attend at Whitehall, there to be met by the serjeants-at-arms and trumpeters, to publish the proclamation of peace between England, France, Denmark, and the States General, in all the accustomed places.

Aug. 24. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 542.*]

Aug. 119. Draft of the above, dated August 23.

Aug. 24. Proclamation of the peace with the States General, concluded at Whitehall. Breda, August 11, and ordering immediate restitution of all ships or goods taken from them by the English after 26 August, in the British and North seas; 24 September from the mouth of the Channel to Cape St. Vincent; 22 October between that Cape and

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the Equinoctial line; and 14 April 1668, on the other side of the line [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 238.*]

[Aug. 24.] 120. Draft of the above by [Lord Arlington].

Aug. 24. 121. Duplicate of the above. [*Printed.*]

Aug. 24. Proclamation of the peace concluded at Breda, on August 14, with
Whitehall. the French King, and ordering immediate restitution of all ships and goods taken from the French by the English after August 26, in the neighbouring seas; after 24 September in those up to the Cape St. Vincent; 22 October between that and the Equinoctial Line, and 14 February 1668, on the other side the line. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 249.*]

Aug. 24. Proclamation of the peace with Denmark, concluded at Breda,
Whitehall. August 14, and ordering immediate restitution of all ships and goods taken from the Danes by the English after 4 September, in the North Seas, Baltic, and the Channel; 22 September, from the Channel to Cape St. Vincent; 23 October, between the Cape and the Equinoctial Line; and 24 April 1668, beyond the line. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 250.*]

Aug. 24. 122. Duplicate of the above. [*Printed.*]

[Aug. 24.] 123. Computations of the days allowed to elapse, after publication of the peace with France, Holland, and Denmark, before hostilities should cease in different places at sea.

Aug. 24. Reference to the Commissioners of Prizes, of the petition of
Rich. Bower, for a certain prize hoy, of which he has had the use for some time, to free the coast from a small privateer that infested those parts. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 257.*]

Aug. 24. 124. Anth. Thorold to James Hickey. Saw a fleet of 30 sail
Lyons. standing eastward, judged to be the Dutch fleet late upon the western coast, and now making homeward. Wants a proclamation of peace as soon as it comes, having a wager upon it.

Aug. 24. 125. J. Cooper to Williamson. Acknowledges Lord Arlington's
Thurgarton. favour towards him. Shall be present at the assizes in coa. Lincoln, Nottingham, and Derby, and doubts not to meet with such discourses as will fully discover the present temper of those parts; would fain hope it will be something rectified before that time, in case the peace be ratified, which they expect to hear every post, though some doubt. Lord Dorchester, the Privy Councillor, says it is uncertain; the body of the people cry out for it, and the gentry that are statesmen cry against it. Thanks him for suppressing the newsmonger at Nottingham, as they go about their business better for it; if he suppressed all Muddiman's papers to the post-masters, it would be a good service, the itch of news being grown a disease.

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Aug. 25. 1. M. Scott to Williamson. Ten of his Majesty's ships and some
Berwick. Scotch privateers have come up to Leith Road, with 10 or 16 prizes. The northern coast is free from privateers, as two Margate men report, who touched at Newcastle, and have brought some coals. A Swedish vessel is lying before the bar, laden with timber for that port.
- Aug. 25. 2. Hugh Salesbry to Williamson. The merchant ships are now
Portsmouth. in hopes of free liberty to pass, several laden ships being there, bound for London.
- Aug. 25. 3. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. The ships that went out
Portsmouth. cruising have not yet returned. The Little Francis fire-ship is gone out to give notice of the conclusion of peace, and the cessation of hostilities.
- Aug. 25. 4. Thos. Holden to James Hiekes. The Dutch fleet is supposed
Falmouth. to be gone to the coast of France; 14 colliers, bound for Plymouth and Topsham, with the Mermaid frigate for convoy, have put in. Only one vessel is to be seen about the Land's End, supposed to be a Dutch man-of-war; it did not endeavour to come near.
- Aug. 25. 5. John Clarke to Williamson. Hears nothing of the Dutch
Plymouth. fleet. The Earl of Bath and Sir Thos. Allin are still at Fowey.
- Aug. 25. 6. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. Sixteen sail, supposed to be the
Fowey. Dutch fleet, appeared in sight. If they should attempt anything, is in a very good posture for their reception.
- Aug. 25. 7. Capt. James Welsh to Williamson. Capt. Tite, commander of a
Rye. privateer, has taken a packet boat of four guns, which came from the Dutch fleet, and will be brought in the next tide. She reports that their fleet have orders for returning home.
- Aug. 25. 8. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Seventeen laden colliers have
Deal. arrived; there is great joy to see twenty in the Downs, and great expectations of the proclamation of peace. It is reported at Dover that Lisle is taken by the French, and another considerable town surrendered.
- Aug. 25. 9. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. News arrived that Lisle is taken
Dover. and Ypres yielded, without firing a gun on the French. Allan Archer, master of the Calais packet boat, spoke with Wm. Carr, who was trusted by Lord Gerard, and passed over with a counterfeit pass, as it proved afterwards; if Lord [Arlington], or any concerned, will look after him there, they may hear of him. If his lordship has any influence with Le Comte Sheren it will be easy to take him; would be glad to have him taken, as Capt. Pettie reported that the writer had 40*l.* to let him go, which Carr denies.
- Aug. 25. 10. Oration delivered by Dr. P. Mews, in the residence of the
Bevis. ambassadors extraordinary of the King of Great Britain, on presenting diplomas from the University of Oxford, to Louis a Reness, Antony Hulsius, and Francis Plant, the day after the ratification of the peace. [3 pages, Latin.]

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Aug. 25. Warrant to the master or workmen of the tapestry works at Mortlake, Surrey, to deliver to Henry Brouncker all the designs, looms, and moveable utensils there found for making tapestry, as the King's free gift. [*Ent. Book 25, f. 29b.*]
- Aug. 25. 11. John Langrack to Sam. Pepys. Several barge loads of timber shall be sent from Whittlewood and the Holt, for Deptford and Woolwich. Asks payment of two bills left with Mr. Morlow, that the men who stick to work may go on cheerfully, and that the teams yet behind may no longer laugh in their sleeves, and think he has forgotten them. If their Honours can double the 100*l.* bill for Whittlewood Forest, it will be a mighty furtherance to the carriage. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 26. 12. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Has fitted the Dartmouth and Richmond, so there is no necessity of their going to Portsmouth, and the Harp can be done there. As to the timber in Dean Forest, 1,000 tons has been brought, out of the 11,335 tons reserved on Sir John Wintour's grant, and 400 tons more are ready squared, but yet unreceived. Hopes they are mindful of the exigence under which he groans for want of money. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 26. 13. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Asks the best way of transporting 200 French prisoners. The ship which should have carried them over was sunk at Blackwall, and the persons acting for the French King demand another. Noted: "The Success, Capt. Tite." [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 26. 14. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. They must order the fireworks to be taken out of the Success fire-ship, which they judge the most proper for transporting the French prisoners, and send him word where she may be found. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 26. 15. Ph. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Has docked the St. George, Chatham Dock, which requires 1,000 feet of sheathing board. Asks an order to take out the fireworks in the Wood Merchant fire-ship, arrived to weigh the wrecks. If Taylor, the pump-maker, is continued, he should do the work wholesale with His Majesty's materials, which will prevent that practice of his in doing of work for houses, a thing he is too much guilty of. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 26. 16. Thomas Stollard to the Navy Comrs. Holland privateers The Milkmaid, lying in his way, came thither for security, but purposes to proceed to Kilmar and load there, according to their orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 26. 17. Capt. Robert Hooper to the Navy Comrs. Has given an account The Milkmaid, of his demands already. Is informed the ship may be fitted at a very reasonable charge [at Bristol], the greatest being a suit of new sails and two cables. Has only one cable, and not a sail to trust to. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 26. Order, on the petition of Sir John Denham, for payment of 530*l.* for repair of his house in Scotland Yard, that the Treasury Comrs. assign the same on monies allotted for the King's buildings, unless

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1667. they can find other convenient funds, His Majesty remembering well his promise of repairing what was demolished at the time of the fire. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 257.*]
- Aug. 26. Congé d'élire for Dr. Ward, Bishop of Exeter, to be Bishop of Salisbury, void by death of Dr. Hyde. Minute. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 64.*]
- Aug. 26. Commissions for Chas. Palmer to be ensign to Sir Chas. Littleton; Edw. Harris, ensign to Sir Chi. Wray; Chas. Trippe, ensign, and Rich. Bagot, lieutenant, to Capt. Roscarrock, and David Humes, lieutenant to Capt. Middleton. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 168.*]
- Aug. 26. Commission for Rich. Dutton to be under-lieutenant to the Duke of York's guards. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 178.*]
- Aug. 26. Warrant for discharge of [Hen.] Oldenburg, prisoner in the Tower. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 543.*]
- Aug. 26. Pass for four horses into France. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 543.*]
- Aug. 26. Warrant constituting the Margaret a free ship of England. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 547.*]
- Aug. 26. Warrant for restitution of the temporalities of the bishopric of Llandaff to Francis Davis, now bishop. [*Ent. Book 27, p. 4.*]
- Aug. 26. 18. John Bower to James Hiekes. A Scotch privateer and four Bridlington. prizes put into the bay by stormy weather, but intend for Scotland. Has received the printed publication of the peace for Colonel Gilby, governor of Hull.
- Aug. 26. 19. Rich. Browne to Williamson. Being called off by the Aldborough. commissioners for sick and wounded, is on his journey for London, and shall give him a visit. Begs recommendation to Lord Arlington for employment in the Post Office, there being several vacancies.
- Aug. 26. 20. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. All were overjoyed to see Hall. the ratification of peace. The three Hamburg ships will be ready to sail in two or three days.
- Aug. 26. 21. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. A Swedish ship from Dram, Lyan. in Norway, reports that, by reason of the drought, the woods in that country, whence they have their best deal blocks and masts, were set on fire by thunder and lightning, and consumed 100 English miles in length. The people there believed there was peace, and that he might safely go to sea. Has had intelligence by Dutch letters, that peace was proclaimed in Holland, and that the ships were called home; but many will not believe it, because they have not had it by letters from London. A ship has been taken out of Thornham Haven, a small creek 12 miles off.
- Aug. 26. 22. John Lysle to Williamson. The Yarmouth frigate arrived, West Cowes. with the Wild Boar fire-ship, which has taken three prizes, and sent up one, a Hollander, laden with clapboards, to Southampton. The second, also a Holland flyboat, was bound for St. Malo, and supposed

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to have been sent upon some design to the West Indies; the third is a small French vessel, and was bound for the west parts of France: both were laden with ballast. Mr. Cole, secretary to the Prize Office at Southampton, appointed to correspond during his absence, will explain why he did not do so. There was an alarm by the sight of 45 ships at a distance, which is since believed to have been the squadron of Mynheer Van Ghent, homeward bound, but the militia are upon guard until they depart. [1½ pages.]

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7 P.M.
Harwich.

23. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. A small vessel arrived from Scheveling, with a white cloth, in sign of peace. Mr. Anger came with her, and has his pass from the English ambassadors. The Dutch skipper and sailors gave an account of the extraordinary joy wherewith the peace was entertained, and say it has only been proclaimed at Breda, but great preparations are being made for its proclamation at other places. Lisle was surrendered on Sunday se'nnight. The Dutch are so much troubled at the French success, that it is reported they will request our King to be a mediator in the differences betwixt France and Spain. Cannot hear of any ships bound from that port, either for Portugal, the Straits, Guernsey, or the Plantations.

Aug. 26.
Blithfield.

24. Sir Ed. Bagot to Williamson. Thanks for his letter, which gave conveyance to the warrant Sir Nicholas [Armorer] favoured him with. Will embrace any opportunity of correspondence, and would be glad to be of service to him.

Aug. 26.
Yarmouth.

25. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Two vessels, supposed to be Dutch men-of-war, were seen off the Sands. All hands are at work to make their shipping ready for sea. Capt. Pettus has a commission for Flanders, and has hired a ketch, and paid 70*l.* for freight, to transport 80 men of Lord Townshend's regiment, who are to be shipped off to-morrow.

Aug. 26.
Lyons.

26. Ant. Thorold to James Hickey. The Dutch fleet of 60 sail passed to the eastward, and is believed to have gone home. William Cottle has been chosen mayor for the year ensuing. All are not a little glad to see the proclamations for peace, and there will be several vessels speedily ready for Jersey, Guernsey, Morlaix, and St. Malo.

Aug. 26.
Weymouth.

27. John Pocock to Williamson. The Paradox frigate saw 50 sail south-west of the Isle of Portland, and supposed them to be a fleet of merchantmen with convoy, homeward bound. The Paradox met them in the Channel, and they chased her, but could not reach her.

Aug. 27.
Weymouth.

28. Chr. Sawtell to Edm. Sawtell. The proclamations of peace with the French King, the King of Denmark, and the Netherlands were published yesterday in the market place, with great solemnity, but not without some intended opposition by persons who, for want of judgment, made objections against the Mayor's loyal preparations. Hearing that the proclamations had been made at London and

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Westminster, and that the farmers of Customs had sent down copies to the officers of Customs, the mayor sent for those copies, and had them published, because, being late in the year to set out to sea, every week is precious, and many would not believe in a peace till they heard it proclaimed. There were several volleys of small shot by the townsmen, and some score of great guns continued playing a good part of the day. The peace has, as it were, raised the dead to life, and made them rich in thought, though their purses are empty, for the town is exceeding poor.

Aug. 27. 29. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Arrival and departure of
Newcastle. vessels; the keels at the mouth of the harbour are dismasted, and removed up to town again. All are full of joy for the peace.

Aug. 27. 30. John Clarke to Williamson. The coal fleet arrived from
Plymouth. Wales, under convoy of the Mermaid frigate, and the Earl of Bath and Sir Thos. Allin from Fowey, having dismissed the train bands, and given order to the ships to take in their guns and hasten to their several ports; also a ship from Morlaix, with 50 prisoners. All are very joyful to hear of the proclamation of peace.

Aug. 27. 31. John Clarke to James Hickey. To the same effect.

Aug. 27. 32. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The Sorlings and Drake,
Plymouth. arrived before Fowey, have taken a Frenchman of 50 tons, and an Amsterdamer of 130 tons, with 10 guns, laden with deals and pipe staves, which never fought. Has ordered a convoy for the Straits' fleet from Dartmouth, and also for the Virginia men at Fowey. Is sending the Drake and Sorlings westward, with the publications of peace, in Dutch, that all may desist taking in the Channel.

Aug. 27. 33. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Yarmouth frigate has
Prestonmouth. sent to the Southampton Prize Office three prizes, laden with pipe staves, two of Amsterdam, of 300 or 400 tons, outward bound, and the other a French vessel in ballast.

Aug. 27. 34. J. Maurice to Williamson. There are a great many false
Mineshead. reports reflecting upon His Majesty and his government, as if he prorogued the Parliament because he would not have any person called to account that had the management of the public treasury; also that if we have peace, it will be very dishonourable. Cannot find out the authors of these and a multitude of other base lies, but suspects Samuel Wade, who was a captain under Oliver, and now a busy ambassador, going from house to house where the people are disaffected. It is in vain to complain of such things to the justices. Sam. Bowers, another Anabaptist of Dunster, is as bad as Wade.

Aug. 27. 35. Proposal for reducing the charge of the Navy to 200,000*l.* a year during the time of peace. The Navy must be considered in two parts; one the charge of it in harbour, which, by an estimate made by the officers, amounts to 76,010*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.*, not comprehending the charge of seven second-rate ships and three third-rates building, which would be 5,000*l.*; so that all in ordinary may be computed at

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80,000*l.* a year; out of which somewhat may be saved by ships at sea, by the wet dock at Deptford, and the creeks at Portsmouth; 100,000*l.* a year may maintain the ordinary, and build and rig three third-rate ships every two years; the other part is, the charge of setting ships to sea; to which, if 100,000*l.* more is allotted, His Majesty may maintain ten for winter with 875 men, and 2½ for summer with 2,270 men, and also a winter guard. If money is not always ready to pay off ships and workmen, and buy provisions, it will be impossible to perform the proposition, but if it is always ready, somewhat may be saved out of the 100,000*l.* for the first part. [3 pages.]

Aug. 27. 36. Certificate by Jo. Carey, master of the buckhounds, that in 1637, the huntamen of the privy buckhounds were paid 1,485*l.* 13*s.* 8½*d.*, which, added to the increase since paid to himself and Davies and Montaguc, together with rewards, amounts to 2,251*l.* 14*s.* 10½*d.*

Aug. 27. 37. John Lord Berkeley, Sir John Duncombe, and Thos. Chicheley, Ordnance Comrs., to [the Commissioners for settling the King's expenses]. Have already presented them with the present state of the office, and now lay before them the alterations lately made, with the reasons and motives therefor. Gives particulars of the amount of the salaries, &c. received by themselves and the other officers; although they may be thought greater than will consist with the expense allowed, yet it is impossible by any rigour to keep officers, either in peace or war, from irregular gain in their places, especially of so great trust as these, unless their lives be rendered easy and comfortable by constant pay and good salaries. As to their own salaries, will submit to whatever is thought best. [Copy. 3 pages.]

Aug. 27. 38. Capt. Richard White to the Navy Comrs. The Hampshire, his own vessel, and three others, came up with three Holland men-of-war named, and two flyboats, on the 24th inst., and took the men-of-war. The Oxford gave chase to the flyboats; hopes she has taken them. The Admiral who is killed was he that burned the Elizabeth and the ships at Virginia. Has arrived with the prizes, and requires some sails; his own are short and bad. [Adm. Paper.]

Aug. 27. 39. Edw. Gregory and N. Holt to the Navy Comrs. Sends an account of provisions issued towards raising fortifications and other services relating to the Tower; also Sir Wm Rider's bill for hemp. [Adm. Paper.]

Aug. 27. 40. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. They are to give notice to the commanders of ships in the river to forbear pressing men, as the peace is concluded. [Adm. Paper.]

Aug. 27. 41. J. Sothorne [clerk to Sir Wm. Coventry] to Sam. Pepys. There needs no vessel for the French prisoners. Mons. Gravier, the French agent, says they have resolved to let them go their own way. [Adm. Paper.]

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Aug. 28. Woolwich. 42. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comrs. Asks for a supply of oak plank, deals, pitch, tar, &c. for carrying on the works, and for a return of the timber had by the Ordnance for fortifying the town. Without timber, &c., will be necessitated to discharge all the men for lack of provisions. Repairs of ships. [*Adm. Paper, damaged.*]
- Aug. 28. 43. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Asks an account of what has been done in the weighing of the Hilversome and other ships in the Medway, and for a list of ships judged fit to be sold, for raising money to defray the Navy charge. There is an account depending between the Navy Office and the East India Company, about the freight of the Leopard, Convertine, &c.; if it will produce money, they are to revive it. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 28. Chatham Dock. 44. Wm. Rand and John Brooke to the Navy Comrs. Requests men, vessels, and victuals for sending up the wrecks of the Royal James and Loyal London. Have but few London seamen who must allow out of their wages for their victuals. Will be forced to use the ropemakers for want of others. It would save money if men were sent from the ships in the Hope and the Nore, and if the Hind ketch and the galliot were ordered to wait upon the Royal James and Loyal London, for lodging men, and keeping the provisions dry. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 28. Hall. 45. Capt. Thos. Blackman, of the Little Victory, to the Navy Comrs. Shall get the frigate ready for sailing. The squadron of frigates brought in three Dutch men-of-war, one 34, one 30, and the other 19 guns, also a flyboat laden with sugar. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Aug. 28. Sept. 7. Amsterdam. 46. Sheet of engravings, with printed letter press descriptions, in Dutch, illustrative of the following events:—
- A. Naval battle between the English and Dutch, $1\frac{2}{3}$ June 1665.
 - B. Attack of the English at Bergen in Norway, $1\frac{2}{3}$ Aug. 1665.
 - C. Victorious naval battle between the English and Dutch, $1\frac{1}{11} - 1\frac{4}{5}$ June 1666.
 - D. Burning of the ships in the Vlie, and at the Schelling, $1\frac{9}{10} - 1\frac{1}{10}$ Aug. 1666.
 - E. Burning of London, $1\frac{2}{3} - 1\frac{5}{13}$ Sept 1666.
 - F. Conquest of the Island of Sheppey, and Port of Sheerness, $\frac{3}{10}$ June 1667.
 - G. Burning of the English men-of-war in Rochester River, $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ June 1667.
 - H. Conclusion of the peace of Breda, $\frac{3}{1}$ July 1667.
 - I. Publication of the peace at Breda, $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ Aug. 1667.
 - K. Fireworks in honour of the English and Dutch peace, $\frac{2}{7}$ Aug. 1667.

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[Aug. 28.] 47. Petition of the Merchants, Shipowners, &c. of Plymouth, and the parts adjacent trading to Newfoundland, to the King and Council. Former attempts to settle a governor there have always proved injurious to the fishing; they cannot bear the expense of soliciting, at so great a distance, against such a grant now proposed, and request that persons in the county may be empowered to examine the matter. Signed by George Storey, mayor, and 52 others.
- Aug. 28. 48. Petition of the Merchants and Shipowners of Totness, trading to Newfoundland, to the King and Council. To the same effect. Signed by John Ley, mayor, and 16 others.
- Aug. 28. 49. Order in Council, on the above petitions, that the examination of the case be referred to Sir Edw. Seymour and other baronets and gentlemen, with power to examine witnesses, &c., and that the petitioners produce reasons for the allegations in their petition. [2 pages.]
- Aug. 28. Commission for Alexander Frazier to be ensign to Capt. Dorrell. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, p. 178.]
- Aug. 28. Warrant for a grant to Richard Hornbrook of the office of Blucemantle pursuivant-at-arms, void by promotion of Robt. Chaloner as Lancaster herald; fee, 20*l.* a year. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 543.]
- Aug. 28. Warrant to pay to the Earl of Bath, governor of Plymouth garrison, 2,000*l.* out of the 11 months' tax, for fortification of the garrison. [*Docquet.*]
- Aug. 28. 50. John Powell to James Hickey. The *Elias* frigate has sailed for Kinsale, and there are no vessels there outward bound. Milford.
- Aug. 28. 51. John Powell to Williamson. To the same effect.
- Aug. 28. 52. Thos. Holden to Jas. Hickey. The *Fortune* and *Industry* are bound for sea, with the first fair wind. Wants the articles of peace made at Breda, as soon as they are made public. Falmouth.
- Aug. 28. 53. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding, and his letter of Aug. 25. Falmouth.
- Aug. 28. 54. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Col. Titus went yesterday towards London, attended by 15 country gentlemen and chief of the town for about seven miles. Some privateers are still out, and much abuse strange merchant ships. Deal.
- Aug. 28. 55. Anth. Thorold to James Hickey. Several vessels have entered for Morlaix and other places, and one has gone on her way. The bells have hardly lain still since the news of peace. Lyme.
- Aug. 28. 56. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. There are no ships bound for Portugal, the Plantations, Tangiers, or Jersey and Guernsey. Now Chester.

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the peace is concluded, some merchants begin to talk of sending to Cadiz and Bourdeaux, but others are dull, though they have the best opportunities from that port, having plenty of lead, calves' skins, fustians, cottons, &c.

Aug. 28. 57. Jo. King to Williamson. Capt. Teart, of the dogger belonging to the governor of Dover Castle, has taken a Dutch packet with four guns, and carried her into Rye; she had nothing but letters aboard.

Aug. 28. 58. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Col. Gilby went to his Hall. house at Everton yesterday. The Hampshire and four others fell in with five ships half seas over, and took three Holland men-of-war of 42, 36, and 30 guns, and one merchant ship; they would have had the other, but seeing 20 sail coming up, they made away with what they had. The merchant ship is called the St. John, of 200 tons, laden with brown sugar, and going from Amsterdam, but pretends to be a Swede. All seamen say the Humber is the fittest place in England for men-of-war to annoy the Hollanders, as in 12 hours' sail with a fair wind, they are on the coast of Holland; but they lie in harbour as long to victual as they are at sea. Hears there are many Hollanders at sea, but we have now done catching prizes.

Aug. 28. 59. Sir Wm. Coventry to Williamson. Upon the resolution taken at the Council, finds it necessary to send to Sir Jeremy Smith, and, supposing an express will overtake the post, desires he will send it immediately to the Post Office.

Aug. 28. 60. "Advices received," being notes from letters all calendared above.

Aug. 29. 61. John Man to Williamson. The country is generally overjoyed with the news of the peace, which was proclaimed there yesterday.

Aug. 29. 62. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Yarmouth saw 50 sail of De Ruyter's fleet between Portland and the Isle of Wight, bound to the eastward. The Paradox being seen by five of them, they gave chase, but could do no good.

Aug. 29. 63. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. The pleasure boat and Little Emsworth returned from cruising on the coast of France, and an Ostender, outward bound, has come into the road.

April 29. 64. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Orders arrived to dispose of the regiment, quartered there for security of the garrison, to places of more conveniency, for the ease of the town and country about. Hears Lieut.-Col. Sir Chas. Littleton and Capt. Roscarrock's companies are the only two to be left, and there will be the same number in Landguard Fort. The Francis, Roebuck, and Truelove

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are to take the colliers under convoy to Newcastle, and bring back those that are laden.

Aug. 29.
Yarmouth.

65. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Seven or eight great laden colliers have passed through the Road for London, and a vessel from Holland for the herring season, which reports that 30 more are coming to fish. A ketch sailed out of Leith road, with 60 or 70 soldiers for Flanders, under command of Capt. Wm. Pettus; also another ketch and a pink, with goods for Rotterdam.

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66. Sir Phil. Musgrave to Williamson. His Majesty's gunner at Carlisle died last spring, and though his mate is a very ingenious and honest man, yet as he has not practised in time of war, would not wholly rest upon his skill, but communicated with George Wharton, employed in the Tower, who sent Thomas Heyling, with whom no fault can be found. He is now in London, soliciting a commission from Lord Arlington for the employment. Requests Williamson to acquaint his lordship that the writer approves of his having it.

Aug. 29.

67. Account, by the President of the Principality and Marches of Wales, of the expenses of the diet of the Lord President, and the salaries of the Assistant Council in Ordinary, amounting to 1,916*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* a year. [*Copy.*]

Aug. 29?

68. Lord Arlington to Sir Gilh. Talbot, master of the Jewel House. The King wishes 4,500 oz. of new silver plate to be made after a fashion sent, and Sir Rob. Vyner to be quickened to dispatch the same for special and immediate service. Also,

On surrender by the Countess of Castlemaine of the plate from the Jewel House, her indenture is to be delivered her, the plate is to be new made in such fashion as she shall direct, and then delivered to her as the King's free gift.

Aug. 29.

Warrant to the Master of the Jewel House to receive the 5,600 oz. of plate borrowed by the Countess of Castlemaine, and when new made according to her directions, to deliver it to her as a free gift of His Majesty. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 543.*]

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Blank pass from France to England, by the King's special command. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 547.*]

Aug. 29.
Chatham Dock.

69. Ph. Pett, master shipwright, to the Navy Comrs. Asks a warrant for discharge of Henry Instis and Henry Bugnall, shipwrights entered contrary to his knowledge; the former is a dangerous fanatic, and the other a very lazy person, who often makes a disturbance amongst the workmen by mutinies. Desires that his instrument, Thos. Lewsley, may be established as formerly, the clerk of the cheque having checked his time, and requiring him to be at all calls, which would cause neglect of service. The clerk and store-keeper have several instruments, who have the pay of shipwrights, but never attend calls the year throughout; these, with others

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borne upon the shipwrights' books, not doing service, may well make the books swell so high. Hopes they will allow him the right of his place. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Ordnance
Office.

70. Edw. Sherburne and Jonas Moore to Sam. Pepys. Shall order removal of the fireworks, &c., from the Wood Merchant fire-ship at Chatham, which is appointed for a particular purpose. Ask an order to the storekeeper there to deliver 70 barrels of gunpowder, and some shot and other stores, that they may be removed for better security. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 29.
St. James's.

71. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. The Diamond and Success should have two months' provisions, being intended for the Downs, and the Sapphire be brought to Woolwich to be surveyed, &c., being leaky. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 29.
Harwich.

72. Capt. Silas Taylor and Jo. Gregory to the Navy Comrs. Are in great perplexity to fix an account of the expense of planks, deals, spars, and workmanship used about the fortifications by Mr. Deane, &c., when the Dutch fleet was expected to assault. Are labouring to bring it to some head. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 30.
Amsterdam.

73. [Dr. Albertus Otto] Faber to Lord Arlington. Thanks his lordship for doing all in his power to preserve him from ruin; will try to show himself not unworthy. [*French.*]

Aug. 30.
Plymouth.

74. John Clarke to James Hickey. The Drake and Sorlings have brought in two prizes, one an Amsterdamer, laden with deals, and the other a Frenchman in her ballast. The six Virginia-men which put in there have sailed, and those at Fowey have passed to the Eastward.

Aug. 30.
Plymouth.

75. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect. Hears of no vessels from that port bound for Lisbon or any of the Western Islands, except one for Barbadoes.

Aug. 30.
Plymouth.

76. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The Sorlings and Drake arrived with two prizes, one a new ship belonging to Middleburg of 100 tons, laden with deals, &c., and the other called the Carlosot of Bourdeaux, of 35 tons. Sent the Sorlings and Drake westward, with the publication to all men-of-war to desist from taking prizes or any other acts of hostility. Hopes to be in town in 14 days.

Aug. 30.
Newcastle.

77. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The Kent and Speedwell are in the harbour, and the Orange at the bar. The sea being so hazy with the north wind, only four or five ships have sailed, but many more intend to face it, though it is thought they cannot. Lord Carlisle came to town last night, and Lord Ogle's regiment will be this day disbanded.

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Warrant for apprehending — Cornes, of Gloucester. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 547.*]

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Aug. 30. 78. Marquis of Dorchester to Williamson. Was afraid of the old proverb, "out of sight out of mind," but finds it holds not in him. Thanks for copies of the articles; sees nothing in them that any prudent man can reasonably except against, especially as the times then were. Those between the English and the Dutch are of much the same nature as those in 1662. Guesses his meaning in his hinting darkly something of late accidents.
- Aug. 31 ? 79. Vituperative epitaph on the Earl of Clarendon, lauding the King for his disgrace:
Inc. "Pride, lust, ambition, and the people's hate."
- Aug. 31.
Weymouth. 80. C. [Sawtell] to Edw. Sawtell. Some laden colliers have arrived. The harbour is full of labourers fitting ships for intended voyages.
- Aug. 31.
Bristol. 81. Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. Sends a list of ships ready for sea. No one would believe the peace until the proclamations came forth, so that all business was put off, and now those that are ready are shifting to be gone, one before the other, to have the first advantage of the market, and care not what hazard they run. Believes in two months there will scarcely be a ship in the port.
- Aug. 31.
Bradford. 82. Wm. Froer to Williamson. When he came into the country with intentions to improve his time to the King's service, was carried before Justice White of Wakefield; produced the King's pardon, but wanting the seal, it was not fully accepted. Begg two or three lines from Lord Arlington, otherwise he is to be sent to York Castle, which will be a great charge, besides his being in danger of being poisoned by the same that did it to Mr. Leving. Atkinson and Col. Aldridge are said to be in prison there. Has caused one man to be taken who is able to give account of several that are contributors to hiding persons who were with Blood and Butler in Yorkshire; but there is no danger from them, as they dare not trust one another. Begg a line to Justice White for his liberation; is next door to a prisoner, being ordered to be sent to prison unless Lord Arlington sends the note in nine days. Also wants the mittimus taking from the constable, and the clearing of those who are sureties for his appearance.
- Aug. 31.
Deal. 83. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The peace between His Majesty and the French and Danish King and States of Holland was proclaimed to-day with arms and trumpets, and a procession of magistrates and soldiers. After the proclamation was read the third time, Deal Castle shot off 11 guns, Walmer 5, and Sandown Castle 3, and bonfires are preparing. Hopes they will end the day in joy, moderation, and sobriety. The Deal people would not a little rejoice to have him enter this in the Gazette, to their fame.
- Aug. 31. 84. Dr. Dan. Wytton to Robert Francis. On receipt of his, sent him 10*l.*, 4*l.* of which was for himself and the rest to be disposed of

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as directed. Has not heard that it has come to hand. Asks on what terms the peace is made. Sends remembrances to Dr. Butler, whose sister is well at Belfast, and very solicitous to hear from him, also to Mr. Robinson, honest Thos. Ravenscroft, and Dr. Patrick [Maginn].

Aug. 31. 85. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Only 40 ships got to sea, and
Newcastle. there being a great sea at the bar, and the wind at north-east, it is impossible for them to get out.

Aug. 31. 86. John Bower to James Hickes. Thanks for the proclamation
Bridlington. of peace, and desires as long as he sends news abroad, that he will continue it to him; will return what comes to his knowledge.

Aug. 31. 87. John Powell to James Hickes. Will inform him of what
Milford. offers by every post. Two New Englandmen left the harbour, laden with sugar and tobacco, one bound for Bristol and the other for Swansea.

Aug. 31. 88. John Powell to Williamson. To the same effect.

Aug. 31. 89. J. Beale to Williamson. Jos. Glanville finds himself environed
Yerovil, with manifold dangers, by the crowds of fanatics about Bath, Frome, &c., and has long applied for remedy to his neighbour justices, but
Somersetshire. without success; instead of affording protection, they have been offensive, and exposed him to the rabble. The gentry, as well as the ignorant and ill affected, help to beget the jealousy of Popery, and are apparently fallen back to 1642. If he will enquire from other parts, he will find that some that look big in Court and Parliament have sheltered the unlawful vessels of the malcontented and furious, within their allotments, and in their own families, in all these times, and more especially since the late exigencies. How they should be so stormy above, and so secure in their potent influences, he leaves to his consideration.

Aug. 31. 90. Abr. Ansley, master attendant, to the Navy Comrs. There
Sheerness. is no occasion for De Ruyter's men being there. They have convenience enough for lodging the men, who do not exceed 40, ashore. There are four fire-ships and three fire-hoys there. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 31. 91. Capt. Wm. Younger to the Navy Comrs. Asks them to write to
Squire Gauden to pass his accounts. He still demurs notwithstanding their positive orders. Is engaged by Mr. Wilkins, merchant, to go to Dover, to take charge of a ship bound for St. Sebastian and Bilbon, and unless he have dispatch, shall lose the employment, and do disservice to his good friend. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 31. 92. S. Langford, surveyor, to Sam. Pepys. Sends accounts for
Plymouth. August. Shall be exact in giving the remains in store, in order to which, has again examined all the victualler's books for the last two years, and is now examining his storekeeper's. His Majesty

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shall not be wronged in having more damage charged on him for a greater remain in stores than there is. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 31. 93. Wm. Rand to the Navy Comrs. Asks leave of absence for
Chatham Dock. three or four days, to go into East Kent, to recover in some money to serve his necessity, and to see to the little he has there. But little could be done in the time, all the men being in the Royal James and Loyal London. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 31. 94. Comr. John Taylor to the Navy Comrs. Knows not how
Harwich. to answer those unruly fire-ship men, for want of money. Delays are costly, as they can neither be discharged nor denied victuals. Each collier has had a master and four men lying on board, who work to preserve the swimming, and weigh the sunken ships, and all have been victualled and expect their wages. Is encompassed with a hurry of business about the colliers and fire-ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 31. 95. Ant. Deane, master shipwright, to the Navy Comrs. Sent
Harwich. a bill of disbursements; a question was made as to 7*l.* spent in going to the fleet, he having the King's men and boat. Though the men were the King's, laid in provisions and drink for them, and in bad weather, was constrained to borrow each ship's boat he surveyed to carry him to others, and has been at the charge of 20*s.* a day to the crews, rather than stay too long in the fleet. If they think him extravagant, shall be content with the least allowance. Has never received one penny from the Treasury Office for his disbursements, though their honours have long since signed them. Has two years' pay due, and is thus disabled from showing his good will by lending towards paying seamen. If the 300*l.* due to him will do any service, shall be content to forbear it so long as he can get credit. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

Aug. 31. 96. Capt. Roht. Hooper to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Furzer and
Harp frigate, the rest will fit the ship with necessities. If they will send an
Bristol. order for a new boat, shall soon be ready for service. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 31. 97. Certificate by James Cooke and four others to the Navy
Comrs. that Alex. Woodson, surgeon of the Providence, has been very careful in his employment in that and other fire-ships, and in looking after men that were hurt, and has spent a great many medicines. Providence fire-ship, Hope, August 27, 1667. With note that the Board had ordered him surgeon's pay, but by way of reward, that it might be no precedent for fire-ships in the river to bear surgeons, August 31, 1667. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Aug. 31. 98. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Asks for a list of
ships not paid to August, 1666, that he may know what are most fitting to be kept at sea. Sir Jer. Smith writes that the St. David is built of green plank, which is very much shrunk, and they have been forced to list her seams, cut and alter her sails, and fish her main yard. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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99. Sir Edward Spragg to the Navy Comra. Has ordered all the fire-ships up the river, except three named. Four of the smallest formerly ordered to the Medway can do the service required. Did not think of this before, they being so far away. It will be very difficult to get men; when the Portland wanted 100 of her complement, ordered 10 men a piece out of the ships, and but two could supply him, the rest being very unwilling, and making their men run away themselves. The Success and Cygnet are ready manned, and fit for the employment, and if they get his Royal Highness's order, will send them. Three Dutch men-of-war, of 48 guns apiece, are brought into Humber by the Swallow and Nightingale, and another, a fourth-rate frigate. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Aug. ? 100. Petition of John Archer to the King, for a pass for his ship, the Cat of Amsterdam, now lying at Dram in Norway, laden with timber for England. The import of timber in Dutch vessels was allowed during the war, and these goods were contracted for and laden before the conclusion of this happy peace.

Aug. ? 101. Petition of Capt. John Aylett to the King, for a grant of the prize ship Cazamine, of 60 tons, now lying at Deptford. His father was ruined in the late King's service at the siege of Colchester, and he has served faithfully against the Dutch, but now on the peace, is left without employment.

[Aug. ? 102. Petition of Sir James Bunce, Bart., to the King, for assignation of the 5,776*l.* due to him on some certain branch of the revenue, though contrary to rule, as the Treasury Comra. wish to postpone his case till they have dispatched public concerns, which will be long and tedious, and meanwhile he will be ruined.

Aug. ? 103. Petition of Capt. Henry Comberford to the King, for an allowance from the privy purse, to keep him from starving at His Majesty's gates; served him in Flanders, Tangiers, Portugal, and at sea and land, during the Dutch war, and is left without employment by the peace.

Aug. ? 104. Petition of Frances widow of Capt. Douglas, and daughter of the late Lord Grey, to the King, for a gift of the prize ship Golden Hand, now employed in weighing the ships sunk at Chatham, where her husband lost his life in defence of the ships against the Dutch. Pleads consideration of her father's sufferings for His Majesty.

Aug. ? 105. Petition of Wenceslaus Hollar to the King, to enable him to perfect his monument and masterpiece, viz., a ground plot, with the houses of the ancient metropolis, on which he has spent seven years' labour and run 100*l.* into debt, and now the city being destroyed, no man living can leave such a record to posterity of how it was as himself.

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106. Petition of Capt. Benjamin Simonds, late commander of the Expedition frigate, to the King, for an old fire-ship of small value lately sunk at Woolwich. Served as a Navy captain since the beginning of the late war. Had property worth 3,000*l.* taken from him by De Ruyter, and has diligently served under Prince Rupert at Woolwich and Sheerness, since the Dutch last came on the coast.

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107. Petition of Bevill Skelton to the King. Engaged a company of men, by His Majesty's permission, to go [to France] for foreign service, but Sir Thos. Allin met them at sea on their way, and demanded the men in the Duke of York's name. Begs an order that they may prosecute their voyage or employment at home, or in service of the King's allies abroad.

Aug.

Memoranda [from the Signet books] of warrants, grants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow:—

Licence to John Russell, mountebank, practitioner in physic and surgery, to erect a stage in London or elsewhere, to vend his medicines, prohibiting all strangers not naturalized to practise near him, in such times and at such places as he does.

Grant to Sam. Smith, on Scawen's surrender, of the receivership of cos. Hants, Wilts, and Gloucester.

Grant to the Queen Consort and her trustees of such liberties and privileges within her jointure as the late Queen had.

Grant to W. Angel of the office of Porter of the outward part of Windsor Castle, and keeper of the armory and ordnance in the castle: fee, 5*s.* 4*d.* a day.

Grant to Dr. Waldron of the office of Physician in ordinary to the King's person and household, in place of Dr. Clerke: fee, 50*l.* a year. [*Domestic Corresp.*, July 1667, Vol. CCXI. No. 123.]

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Whitehall.

Commission to William Lloyd to be captain of a company of foot under Col. John Russell, in place of Col. John Morley. [*Ent. Book* 29, p. 7.]

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108. Dr. Thom. Fuller to Williamson. The prebend of Asgorb, in the diocese of Lincoln, is void by the death of the late incumbent, and there being no bishop, the King presents. Desired Mr. Gardiner, the Duke of Monmouth's chaplain, to wait upon him about it, and entreats he will dispatch him either the King's fiat or a caveat to prevent all others. Will wait upon him next week to know the result.

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109. Wenceslaus Hollar to John Evelyn. Has made numerous plans of places in Europe, monuments, ceremonies, &c., to illustrate history, and a plan of London before the burning, which none can complete but himself. Was sworn on these accounts ichnographer

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to the King, and paid his fees, but has received no benefit nor salary to encourage him to finish his great work of the city. Mr. Williamson promised to get him some present from the King, towards his great work of the city, but failed, and his task is in danger of being unfinished, and the ancient record of the city irrecoverably lost. Begs some support. Wishes to offer Williamson some of his works. Thanks for his kindness whilst in the service of his late patron, Thomas Earl of Arundel.

Aug. ? 110. Note that by Order in Council of 10 May 1667, Emanuel Defonseca was to be paid 1,410*l.*, the value of 17 tuns of French wines taken from his ship by Prince Rupert, for the use of the Navy; that on 16 July 1667, the Commissioners of the Navy ordered their treasurer to pay the said sum, but the money cannot be paid without a special order of the Treasury Comrs. to place it on the Customs; and therefore the King has been pleased to give an order to the Treasury Comrs. for it be so paid.

[Aug.] 111. Discourse on peace as the parent of blessing and on mildness and courage; written on the peace between England and the Netherlands. [*Seemingly a translation of a poem.*]

Aug. 112. Account by Thos. Harper of 50 tons of Swedish iron, delivered out of the stores at Deptford to John Downing. With note of the various payments made therefor, amounting to 510*l.* 1*s.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

[Aug.] 113. Estimate of the yearly expense of the King and Queen's stables, as settled by the establishments made Michaelmas, 1663, amounting to 8,164*l.* 1*s.* 10½*d.* [19 *pages.*]

[Aug.] 114. Estimate of the liveries for the King's footmen, coachmen, littermen, grooms, &c., amounting to 3,532*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* [4 *pages.*]

[Aug.] 115. Reasons for continuing the guard of gentlemen pensioners: 1st, their antiquity; 2nd, that there are none but gentlemen of blood and fortune, many of whom raised regiments of horse upon their own account, and served in eminent commands, and on public embassies and government employments; that many of the nobility and gentry have descended from them, and the King's predecessors commanded their attendance at all public solemnities; and, 3rd, that to dismiss such a guard, against which no Parliament ever yet excepted, to lessen the appearance of the Court upon festivals and solemn days, and quit such a safety and strength, for no other reason than to save 6,000*l.* a year, will appear neither honourable at home nor abroad, and an ancient and well weighed establishment be too cheaply parted with. [1½ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

115. I. Names of the captain, lieutenant, standard bearer, clerk, and 51 privates of the band of gentlemen pensioners.

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[Aug.] 116. List of 29 of the King's falconers who were paid from the Exchequer in 1634, with the sum they received; also of 25 to whom money is payable there in 1667, and the amounts due.

[Aug.] 117. Account by Col. Will. Legg of the salaries and perquisites received by him as master of the armory, as also by other officers employed under him, amounting to 1,093*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.* a year. They are the same as have existed in all ages since its institution, except that formerly there were perquisites arising from the Tiltyard and several houses at Greenwich, and the rents of some houses near the Tower, which last were demolished, and the former taken away for the accommodation of His Majesty's buildings. [2 pages, copy.]

[Aug.] 118. Simon Smith, master of the otter hounds, living in the Old Palace, Westminster, to the Committee of the Privy Council [for the King's expenses]. Sends an account of the salaries and allowances yearly received by himself and other officers named, amounting together to 122*l.* 7*s.* 6½*d.* This allowance is much short of what is expended in always keeping 14 or 15 couple of hounds, and in being for some years past commanded upon duty by the King himself, for near six months together in the summer time. [Copy, 2 pages.]

[Aug.] 119. Account of the yearly allowances to Mr. Pitcairn, master marshal and surveyor of the hawks, 7 Charles I., amounting together to 1,972*l.* 10*s.*, as compared with those of Sir Allan Apsley, now master of the hawks, which amount to 1,472*l.* 10*s.*, besides four horse liveries and a tun of wine.

[Aug.] 120. Thos. Elliott, master of the harriers, to the Treasury Comrs. Mr. Potts, master of the harriers 7 Charles I., had 700*l.* a year, and two grooms to make and dress meat for the hounds, to whom the King paid 30*l.* a year each. There are now five yeomen prickers, at 40*l.* a year each and a horse livery. The Lord Treasurer, when he showed him this allowance, told him that if he meant to be well paid, he must abate; left it to his lordship, whereupon he agreed to allow him 500*l.* a year for himself and keeping the hounds, but the two grooms were cut off. Is content with what his lordship has done, yet can safely say that he has saved little out of the 500*l.*, and that no master has served with more reputation or less advantage. Knows not how anything can be retrenched, as the King's harriers cost him now but 700*l.* a year in the whole. [Copy, 1½ pages.]

Aug. 121. Account by Sir John Denham, Edw. Marshall, John Davenport, and Hugh May, officers of the Works, of the several heads upon which payments are made, and the mode of paying. [2 pages.]

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Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of King's and merchants' ships in the Downs, state of the winds, time of receipt and dispatch of the mails, &c.:

No.	Date.	King's	Merchants'	Wind.	Mails.		Remarks.
					Arrival.	Dispatch.	
127.	2	1	-	S.E.	None.	5 P.M.	16 Dutch men-of-war are off the North Foreland.
128.	3	1	-	N.E.	None.	4 P.M.	
129.	5	1	-	N.E.	None.	5 P.M.	
125.	6	1	-	S.	None.	6 P.M.	Two fire-ships have brought in a great fly-boat prize, laden with salt.
126.	8	1	-	S.W.	4 P.M.	5 P.M.	
127.	10	2	-	S.E.		5 P.M.	
128.	11	2	-	N.W.	None.	5 P.M.	The Governor of Dover Castle's privateer has come in.
129.	13	2	-	S.W.	5 P.M.	6 P.M.	
130.	14	2	-	N.W.	5 P.M.	6 P.M.	24 West country colliers, bound westward, have arrived.
131.	22	1	-	N.	5 P.M.	6 P.M.	
132.	24	1	-	N.E.	None.	5 P.M.	
133.	26	1	-	N.E.	None.	5 P.M.	The peace has been proclaimed with trumpets, drums, and gun-firing, and gave great content.
134.	27	1	-	N.E.	None.		
135.	28	1	-	N.	4 P.M.	5 P.M.	
136.	29	1	-	N.	4 P.M.	5 P.M.	
137.	31	2	-	N.	None.	6 P.M.	

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Sept. 1.
11 P.M.,
Tower.

1. Sir J. Robinson to Williamson. Was sending the letter for Mr. Welsh to go post for Rye, when the warrant came, which is also sent; was waiting for it at the gates' shutting, between 10 and 11 o'clock.

Sept. 1.
Berwick.

2. M. Scott to Williamson. The peace being proclaimed makes all things quiet. It makes horses cheap in Scotland; a man may buy 20 gallowses for 5*l.* a piece, and there is neither rat nor flea to be seen. The three new raised companies are disbanded.

Sept. 1.
Plymouth.

3. John Clarke to James Hickey. The Virginia fleet is put back by foul weather, but will sail the first fair wind.

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4. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

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5. Sir Thos. Allin to Williamson. The Virginia-men are driven in again by the easterly wind.

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Sept. 1. 6. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The Yarmouth is conveying
Portsmouth. 20 vessels bound for London and other eastern ports; but the wind
being contrary, they are now at Spithead, and loth to put to sea
till the 4th instant be past.
- Sept. 1. 7. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. Two Plymouth vessels report
Falmouth. that two of their company were taken off the Lizard by a French
caper, and they hardly escaped. The Virginia fleet got separated
by the storm, and one ship has come into Falmouth.
- Sept. 1. 8. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Ten or twelve stout ships have
Deal. passed eastward, supposed to be part of the Dutch fleet, and De
Ruyter with them, as one great ship had a flag on the mainmast.
The three fire-ships from the Downs have gone for the river.
- Sept. 1. 9. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Thirty vessels, supposed to be
Dover. De Ruyter's, have passed eastward. Yesterday the three proclamations
were published, with great joy to some, and grief to others;
there was bell-ringing, guns firing from castle, town, and pier, bon-
fires, and great rejoicing. Understands Lord Arlington and Sir
John Bennet have farmed the place of the packet boat to the sur-
veyor of customs for three years; would have given as much for it
as he.
- Sept. 1. 10. Capt. James Welsh to Williamson. An Ostender took a French
Rye. vessel, laden with glass, &c., brought her to Hastings, set the men
ashore, and sent the prize to Ostend; the men hasting to Rye, gave
notice to the master of a French fishing shallop, which retook the
prize, sent her to France, brought in the three Ostenders, and sent
them to Dover.
- Sept. 1. 11. Thos. Waltham to the Navy Comrs. Arrival and departure
Plymouth. of ships. The Drake and Sorlings brought in an Amsterdam prize
of 16 guns, richly laden, bound for Cadiz; the Drake has gone to
Kinsale to order that fleet to Plymouth. Asks for his salary for
the last year. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 1. 12. Sir Edw. Spragg to the Navy Comrs. Never knew any order
for sailing given to a ship under a flag without notice being first
given to the flag officer. Sir Wm. Jennings brought up the Sapphire,
and never acquainted him with their order to bring her up, but
ordered the master to sail her to Woolwich; thought fit to stay her
at Gravesend, and ordered her return to her flag; but, out of respect
to their Honours, has permitted her proceeding. Desires for the
future to have their intimation first. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 1. 13. Thos. Eastwood to the Navy Comrs. Asks payment of the
New Forest. imprest bill for 200*l.* to Mr. Turner, as there is a great want of
money for the carriage of timber. The carters are still unpaid for
700 trees carried two years ago, yet have brought down 300 fresh
loads to Redbridge, and are at work daily. Has disbursed and
borrowed as much as he can to forward the business. [*Adm.
Paper.*]

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Chatham.

14. Edw. Gregory, clerk of the cheque, to [the Navy Comrs.] Complains of delay of letters. Has sent as perfect a book as he can to Lord Brouncker, and transmits them a copy. Cannot do anything as to the qualities of the men. Has appointed two men to watch upon the battery beyond the mast dock, since the soldiers keep no longer guard. It is thought requisite to have a new watch-house and bell there; desires orders thereon. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Chatham Dock.

15. William Rand and John Brooke to the Navy Comrs. Have not seen any of the 60 men ordered to the Royal James and Loyal London. All the Londoners except eight are gone, for want of pay. Are forced to use the ropemakers to carry the two wrecks below Gillingham; the Woodmerchant's men denied help, and went ashore, saying they will not work but in their own ship, unless paid for it. Have therefore forbid them victuals, and taken all the fireworks, &c., out of her. Ask leave to take up the cable lying across the river, with the chain and the masts to which it was moored. The Frana-kin and another ship have arrived for weighing the ships, but have only 12 or 14 men each. Cannot remove the stores from the fire-ships, as there are none there; much want the galliot belonging to the place, to carry stores, &c. Cannot weigh the wrecks with less than 100 men, beside riggers. Ask whether the men are to be allowed day and night pay, when they work the night tide. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

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Whitehall.

16. Petition of Edw. Harwell of London, merchant, and Marg. Balderoe, to the King, for a dispensation of the strict rules of Admiralty, and restoration to them of hemp, value 200*l*, brought from Hamburg. In lack of an English vessel, and on rumour of the peace, they shipped it on board the Charity of Amsterdam, which was taken, and brought to Hull as a prize. With reference thereon to the Commissioners of Prizes, Sept. 24; their reference to the King's advocates, Sir Rob. Wiseman and Sir Wm. Turner, to examine the right of the petitioners to the said hemp; report of the latter that, being sent to an enemy's port, and in an enemy's vessel, it cannot be legally claimed, but may be granted as an act of favour, being laden in expectation of the peace; and final report of the Prize Comrs. referring the case to His Majesty.

Sept. 2. Reference to the Prize Comrs. on the above petition. [*Ent. Book 18, p 258.*]

[Sept. 2.] 17. Note to remind Williamson of the preceding petition and references. Endorsed "Mr. Clifford."

[Sept. 2.] 18. Similar petition of Edw. Harwell. Not duplicate.

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London.

Levant Company to the Commanders of ships at Scanderoon. A happy peace being concluded with the Dutch, French, and Danes, the restraint laid on them is removed, and they may return with speed to England. [*Levant Papers, Vol. V., p. 168.*]

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Sept. 2. Levant Company to the Ambassador, and the Consuls at Smyrna and Aleppo. A long-desired peace being now concluded, revoke the orders of June 18 last, for the stay of the general ships, on account of the great dangers at home. [*Levant Papers*, Vol. V., p. 169.]
- Sept. 2. Pass for the Marquis de Ruvigny's goods to be landed and put on shore. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 548.]
- Sept. 2. Commission for Henry Taylor to be lieutenant and Wm. Stockman ensign of Col. Russell's own company in the Guards. [*Ent. Book* 29, p. 8.]
- Sept. 2. Grant of pardon to Wm. Richards, M.D., for a rape, with restitution of lands, &c., he being found guilty on a single evidence. [*Docquet*.]
- Sept. ²/₁₃.
London. 19. News letter. The great seal has been taken from the Lord Chancellor and given to the Lord Chief Justice under the name of Keeper, and the title of Chancellor is to be no more. An Act is said to be preparing, against the meeting of Parliament, dispensing with the Act of Uniformity, and clearly against the Bishops' government; another to punish those who occasioned the late misfortune, by counselling the dividing the fleet. The guilty try to make interest in Parliament, and some have recourse to the Presbyterian party in their extremity. The treasury is in ill condition, by reason of the great anticipations on it. It was reported falsely that Lord Arlington was thrown out, but he has had high words in Council with Prince Rupert. The French progress has excited compassion, and many come over from France to raise men, but the King will be forced to forbid public assistance, by the treaty lately made with Spain. The Queen is expecting an envoy from Portugal, on the Infanta's resolving to marry, her brother being without hopes of issue. Comr. Pett has been strictly examined. With postscript, September 1st, that the charge against the Chancellor is his wishing to marry his daughter to a very great person, and receiving large sums from the farmers of customs. Thinks it is only done to please Parliament, which will meet October 10th, and the King wants money. His debts are above a million, and he dares not let his ships come in till he can pay them off. The Duke [of York] has dismissed Sir Wm. Coventry, on charges to be brought against him by the Chancellor. A great deal of gold and some arms have been seized in a ship going to Holland. [2 pages.]
- Sept. 2.
Rotterdam. 20. Sam. Tucker to Lord Arlington. Repeats the circumstances of Judith Singleton's imprisonment, and begs favour for her. Thinks she may have been falsely accused, or had cause to complain from not getting her brother's pay, or has spoken at random, from having lived so long in Holland, "where people have the liberty to use their tongues as they will." Her family are brought to poverty in the King's interest. Four Zealand men-of-war and one fire-ship have taken 16 sail of merchantmen in Virginia, and four more vessels

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on their return. More damage is feared in vessels yet to come from Virginia and Barbadoes, the Dutch having many ships in the West to look out for them, and the time being long before hostilities cease in the Channel. [1½ pages.]

- Sept. 2. 21. John Man to James Hickey. Mallory, the collector of
Swansea. customs at Milford, being dead, correspondence should be directed to Fras. Bowen, the present collector, instead of to John Powell, who has nothing to do with the Custom House.
- Sept. 2. 22. John Man to Williamson. A Dutch privateer took a small
Swansea. vessel, and set the men ashore. The privateer's men came ashore, and were very familiar with the country people, but told them hostility was not to cease till Wednesday. A Dartmouth vessel reports the Dutch fleet to be gone from those coasts.
- Sept. 2. 23. J. Barker to Williamson. Went to London on purpose to
serve him, but can only say that Alderman Backwell will be at his house at Parson's Green to-night, and will sign the bill if sent to him; Mr. Duncombe, his cashier, signs no such things.
- Sept. 2. 24. Jn. Baskerville to James Hickey. Thanks for Mr. William-
Bristol. son's acceptance of his correspondence. No ships have arrived, but some merchants are preparing for sea.
- Sept. 2. 25. Ant. Thorold to James Hickey. A vessel has just come
Lyne. ashore from Jersey or Guernsey, without master or company. Mr. Ary, mentioned lately in the paper, has come into that country, to the house of his brother, a neighbouring gentleman.
- Sept. 2. 26. Ant. Thorold to James Hickey. A Jersey privateer took
Lyne. two French prizes, and an Ostender another, which he sunk. The vessel which came in had the Eaglet and Deptford for convoy, in company with several other merchantmen.
- Sept. 2. 27. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The ship he last named was sunk
Yarmouth. between the sands, and the men all lost. A collier from Sunderland reports the loss of one of his company in the storm. A salt hoy was sunk in the haven, by another running aboard her, and her cargo, value 300*l.*, dissolved. The two new bailiffs, George England and Michael Tills, are sworn in, and this is their feast day.
- Sept. 2. 28. Richard Bower to Williamson. Sent to Bailiff Edmund Thaxter
Yarmouth. to take the affidavit, as ordered by Lord Arlington, of the master and company, as to the abuse committed by Capt. Freeman, commander of the *Orange*; but the bailiff refused to receive them, saying he had already got one done, and sent to Sir Wm. Coventry, where his lordship could see it; would have gone to another justice, but the men are all sailed for Newcastle. Arrival and departure of vessels. A Scotch privateer has chased in two busses, and taken four more. The people are much pleased that the seal is taken from the Lord Chancellor, and say many more will be called to account when Parliament meets. It was reported by a soldier of Sir Fras.

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Compton's troop, that Prince Rupert had struck Lord Arlington a box on the ear, and knocked off his hat and periwig. The boy which the writer petitioned for will be torn to pieces if not disposed of.

Sept. 2.
Hall.

29. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. The sugar prize, the *St. John* of Amsterdam, is yet in the road; also the six men-of-war, with their three Holland men-of-war prizes. Several ships are waiting or preparing for Holland, London, &c., but dare not sail till the 4th instant is passed; there is great want of seamen; some are gone to Sweden and those parts, some into the country.

Sept. 2.
London.

30. Certificate by P. Massonnet, physician in ordinary to the Duke of York, that he has known Mr. Toussain Le Jond, operator in physic and surgery, practise and exercise such professions with great skill and success, in this and other kingdoms, and that he has compounded and publicly sold an excellent Oriental balsam, and other remedies. Endorsed, "Toussain, the empiric."

Sept. 2.
Deal.

31. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Three French ships going through the Downs for London made such way that they could not be boarded. Three Dutch men-of-war and a merchant ship are reported to be taken to the northwards, 10 days ago.

Sept. 3.
Deal.

32. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The Flanders packet boat put some men on shore near Deal, but most of the passengers went to Dover. One of them, who came through France, says that the report of peace there is very hot, but it is not proclaimed; that the French King and Queen and the Dauphin are gone for Paris; and that many of the English private men-of-war have got commissions at Ostend, from the King of Spain, to take French and Portuguese. The report of the taking of three Dutch ships-of-war and a merchant ship came from Sec. Morice's secretary to his correspondent there.

Sept. 3.
Newcastle.

33. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Thirty-eight laden colliers have sailed, but the rest are resolved to stay, as there are several privateers with Danish commissions on the coast; five or six ships have been convoyed in from Spain.

Sept. 3.
Plymouth.

34. John Clarke to Williamson. A small frigate from Gallipoli has come into port, with a person of quality from the King of Spain, and a gentleman from the Earl of Sandwich, who are gone to London upon business of high importance.

Sept. 3.

35. John Clarke to James Hickes. To the same effect.

Sept. 3.
Portsmouth.

36. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. The Yarmouth man-of-war, with 50 merchantmen under her convoy, is in the Road, desiring a westerly wind for London.

Sept. 3.
Margate.

37. John Smith to Williamson. The vessels there are fitting to go for coals, and three are bound to Rotterdam. The three proclamations for peace were proclaimed, with the ringing of bells and firing of guns.

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Sept. 3.
Harwich.

38. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The postmaster of Holland is there about settling the packet boats, being unwilling to venture his letters through Flanders; also two small vessels from Holland with many passengers, who all declare that the Dutch are much molested at the height of the French, whom they blame as the authors of the war with England, and hope there will be a right understanding between them and England. Wishes that all foreigners might be ordered to give an account of their coming, so as to get some news from the country whence they come, which might be done by appointing a clerk of the passage, like they have at Dover. Many light colliers come freely down the river without convoy, but very few appear laden. Expects good news from Virginia, though it is too late for a voyage thither.

Sept. 3.

Warrant that Sir George Carteret, late treasurer of the Navy, transfer all unpaid tallies, orders, &c. to the Earl of Anglesey, the now treasurer, and that the Treasury Comrs., if satisfied with his account, discharge him therefrom. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 3.

Royal assent for Dr. Henry Glenham to be Bishop of St. Asaph. Minute. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 6.*]

Sept. 3.

Dover.

39. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Cannot survey the stores on account of their disorderly condition. In a survey made of some beer shipped for Portsmouth, but not sent, the leakage was attested, though the quantity not noticed, nor whether the beer stinks by the brewer's failure, or the cooper's in fitting up bad casks. Squire Gauden's own brewer's beer does not leak out nor spoil so much as the rest, being sent in casks made for it, while the town brewers' beer leaks one third, and some becomes stinking, so that in 13 weeks, out of 287 tuns but 150 remain good; Mr. Wivell, being part owner of the vessels, will not accuse the masters of neglect, as he will be a sufferer. The brewers in the town give Mr. Wivell at the rate of 6*l.* or 8*l.* in the 100*l.* for what money he pays them, and therefore if they change Esquire Gauden's new casks for old, or brew beer that will not keep, it must not be taken notice of. Thanks for being drawn from that port, wherein he has found more trouble than satisfaction. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

Sept. 3.

Vitualling
Office.

40. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Acquaints them with the victuals remaining in several ports, that care may be taken for their disposal to ships employed near, thus preventing the charge of transportation and loss. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

40. 1. *Account of the remains of victuals at Leith, Newcastle, Hull, and Portsmouth, being a supply for 1373 men, for six months.*
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Sept. 3.

Vitualling
Office.

41. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Desires some course to be taken to bring the masters of ships employed to carry victuals and water casks to the fleet at sea to account, how they have disposed of the provisions; without this, the account of the distribution

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of victuals sent for the fleet cannot be drawn up. [*Adm. Paper.*]
Encloses,

41. 1. *Names of 11 ships and their masters, with an account of victuals received by each.*

Sept. 3.
The Monmouth,
Parfleet.

42. Capt. Robert Clark to the Navy Comrs. Has brought his ship to the Long Reach, and if lighters come down to take in the guns, shall have them out by Thursday. Asks orders as to the disposal of the provisions, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 3.

43. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Desires they will enquire how Capt. Grant comes to be concerned in so many seamen's tickets. Fears there may be some juggling in the business, to the King's prejudice. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

43. 1. *List by Nath. Bunch, purser of the Sapphire, of tickets belonging to 48 seamen named, delivered to Capt. Jasper Grant, late commander, at several times.*

Sept. 4.
Treasury
Chambers.

44. Sir G. Downing to Sam Pepys. The Navy Victualler has orders registered for 30,000*l.* on the Eleven Months' tax, towards this year's victualling, and now demands 32,000*l.* more. Their lordships wish to know how much he has performed of the declaration of 112,000*l.* or 120,000*l.* for this year's victualling. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 4.
Prize Office,
Hull.

45. The Sub-Commissioners of Prizes for Hull to the Navy Comrs. Have but two cables, and should they deliver one of them to the Guernsey frigate, they would endanger the French prize; besides they are both too short. If they persist in their order, hopes they will procure the lord [Comrs'] warrant. Have there 26 guns with other ammunition out of prizes, and will observe their orders as to their delivery or shipping. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 4.
Deptford.

46. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Langrack, the purveyor, being in town, hopes they will give order for sending down pieces of timber to be used for launching the new ship out of the dry dock, and what pieces he has not, Mr. Mayors would provide in the Thames. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 4.
Chester.

47. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. Lord Derby has given orders for warrants to be sent out for gathering in the mise, and has at last sent the keys, so that money is delivered, and the repairs of the castle can be carried on. All are at a stand there, and know not whether they are in a dream or awake, when such wonders of the removal of great ones alarm their ears at every post, and would scarcely be believed, were they not confirmed by him and others. Supposes the reason of these things will appear when the Parliament meets, and which will give infinite satisfaction to the kingdom.

Sept. 4.
Lynn.

48. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. The peace was proclaimed there yesterday, with all the solemnity the place would afford: a

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procession, dinner at the mayor's, bonfires, guns, &c. Discourses are various about taking the seal from the Chancellor. The people are very sickly there, though not many die.

Sept. 4.
Falmouth.

49. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Has nothing to advise.

Sept. 4.
Falmouth.

50. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as his letter to Hickes of Sept. 1.

Sept. 4.
Milford.

51. John Powell to Williamson. Has no news, either by sea or land.

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52. John Powell to James Hickes. To the same effect.

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53. Thos. Stalker to Williamson. Begs the loan of 5*l*. till Michaelmas, being behindhand, on account of the plague and the fire, with the 15*l*. a year which he has to pay for his schools.

Sept. 4.

54. Thos. Stalker to Williamson. Entreats his favour, having very urgent occasion. Is sure he would not let him fail for such a matter; it shall be truly repaid; will send a note to return it on demand.

Sept. 4.

Reference to the Lord Keeper, on the petition of Lord Gerard, in behalf of the troop under his command, for an order to Sir Stephen Fox to pay them from 11 May last, on promise to go to trial, if Sir Stephen think his lordship is obliged by law to any payment for which he had not the General's warrant. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 259.*]

Sept. 4.
Whitehall

Warrant for a grant to Thomas Colt of a general pardon, extending to 29 December, 1660. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 30.*]

Sept. 4.
West Cowes.

55. John Lysle to Williamson. The Magdalen galliot of Flushing, Jacob Frett commander, has arrived to have a leak stopped. She was sent as an express from the States to America, with the agreement and articles of the plenipotentiaries, to signify what has passed; cannot learn what private instructions or packets she has. She reports that all the seamen of the States are disbanding, save such as will serve for 12 guilders a month, and that they are reducing men, and raising an army to supply the wants of the Spanish Netherlands, overpressed by the French; that a strong French party being about Sasse off Ghent, using some violence, the Governor called out a considerable force, who without quarter killed all the French they met, as breakers of the league with the States, and that the French King has made excuse that it was done without his privity, and that no such violations should be used for the future. [*1½ pages.*]

Sept. 4.
Yarmouth.

56. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The bailiffs, with the court of aldermen and common council, met at the Hall, and proclaimed the peace, and the ships in the haven and windows in the town had colours and the like hanging. A stage was built upon the

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quay for fireworks, but the rain coming down, all was put off until the next day; all then appeared by order at church; and after sermon preached, the bailiffs, aldermen, &c. marched in robes from church to the market cross, and then to other places, where the proclamations were read and guns fired; at eight o'clock the people assembled from all parts to the quay side, to behold the fireworks, the windows of the houses along the quay being taken down for the more conveniently beholding the works, which were such as never seen before in those parts; all were performed at the cost of Daniel Dover, of the town. Several laden colliers have passed southward, and light colliers are hourly going to the North. The scoots come daily over to fish, but the dispute is whether they shall bring any herrings into Yarmouth or not. They are willing to comply with the payment of the customs, but say that there is an Act prohibiting them from bringing any in.

Sept. 5. 57. John Man to Williamson. A great vessel belonging to the
Swansea. States, called the Anthony of Majorca, laden with oil for Ostend, was driven on the coast by foul weather, but meeting with a collier, has been brought into the road, otherwise she would have pitched upon the shore.

Sept. 5. Warrant to the High Sheriff and Under-Sheriff of Middlesex to reprieve Hen. Butler, convicted of murder. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 548.*]

Sept. 5. 58. Dean and Chapter of Sarum to the King. According to his
Chapter House, Sarum. congé d'élire, have elected Seth [Ward], Bishop of Exeter, to the bishopric, vacant by death of Bishop Alex. [Hyde]. [*Latin.*]

[Sept. 5.] 59. Oath of Supremacy and Allegiance taken by Seth Ward, late Bishop of Exeter, Bishop elect of Salisbury.

Sept. 5. 60. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Everything is quiet in
Portsmouth. those parts, and now the seas are open, ships go peaceably about their affairs.

Sept. 5. 61. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Most of the fire-ships are
Harwich. discharged, and being chiefly colliers, are preparing for Newcastle. Many light colliers daily sail from the Thames and Ipswich Water, and go out scattering, refusing convoys after their old cross custom and usages. The town is left with Lieut.-Col. Sir Chas. Littleton's company, and Major Legg's instead of Capt. Roscarrock's.

Sept. 5. 62. Henry Rumbold to Williamson. Has been ordered there to
Dover. effect the sale of several prizes; when done, shall end the account of prizes in all the districts, and proceed to Spain, to comply with his place there, to the satisfaction of the merchants. Requests him to give Lord Arlington notice of this. The Spanish Straits and Virginia fleet, of some 60 sail, from the West of England, have passed by for London, which will be very welcome to the old farmers [of customs] before they go out. Hears from Cadiz that

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the Duke de Deraguas, general of the armada, was gone out with 16 men-of-war, to secure two ships that went with quicksilver for New Spain, and were daily expected, and which were very rich, having much more money than usual upon them, for that King's account.

Sept. 5.
Deal.

63. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Forty laden merchantmen are gone through the Downs for the river. The farmers of Customs going out at Michaelmas, is coming up to see him about being continued surveyor at Deal. Kingsland, of Deal, a strong Independent, thrust out of that employ upon the Restoration, is acquainted with the two new farmers, and will make all he can for it. It is a patent during the term of the Customs' lease.

Sept. 5.
Portsmouth.

64. Rich. Munden, of the Portsmouth, to the Navy Comrs. Asks for three or four more men, that he may be able to carry a surgeon. Comr. Middleton has ordered 12 men to be borne on his ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 5.
London.

65. Capt. Thos. Elliot, of the *Revenge*, to Thos. Hayter. Asks for 30 blank tickets, for men turned over into the *Rupert* and *Gloucester* in May last. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 5.
St. James's.

66. [M. Wren] to the Navy Comrs. Their letter to Sir Wm. Coventry has been forwarded to him. His Royal Highness has not yet resolved what ships shall be kept abroad, but approves of their sending for the four fire-ships at Sheerness, and sending three hoys to Chatham. Lord Anglesey has received directions as to the payment of the ships in Ireland. Will send orders for the *Success* and *Cygnets* to attend the wrecks of the *Royal James* and *London*, and desires they will direct tickets for men belonging to ships sunk at Harwich, and order the victualler to supply the ships in Humber with beer. Comr. Middleton has received no orders concerning the disposal of the *Francis* fire-ship and her men. [*Signature torn off. Endorsed "Mr. Wren." Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 5.
Woolwich.

67. Christopher Pett to Thomas Hayter. Sends the affidavit of appraisement of several smacks taken into the service, on which he and his assistant last night took their oath before Sir Wm. Boreman. The Master of Attendance is so ill that he cannot perform the duties. Asks for a supply of fir timber, and a warrant to fetch in plank that has been issued for making platforms in the town; also some treenails, which can be had of Mr. Hulbert, of Horsleydown, if he is promised the money from the first that comes in. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 5.
Chatham Dock.

68. Ph. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Sends reasons why his instrument cannot attend calls; it is a thing never before required by the clerk of the cheque, and done through prejudice against the writer, Taylor the pumpmaker, denying what is certified, has further informed himself of the truth, which will appear upon the oath of several persons; as to any service which he pretends to have done, has been constrained to direct shipwrights out of the yard

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to do it, or else the service had very much suffered. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

68. I. *Statement, by Ph. Pett, of three reasons why his instrument cannot attend his times of call, his business often requiring him at a distance, or making it unfitting that he should be broken off.*

68. II. *Certificate by Wm. Pett, War. Pett, and three others, that Robert Taylor was blamed for neglect of duty, in not fitting the pumps for ships that required haste; that he persisted in his neglect, and spoke very slightly of the service, saying that he did not intend to trouble it long.*

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68. III. *Robert Taylor to the Navy Comrs. Mr. Pett's charge against him is very weak, and savours more of envy than truth. Has been many years in the service, but never was questioned for neglect before, and now is old; is loath to seek a new master. Brought his son, who was carpenter in the Revenge, home to assist him, for Warwick Pett is not old enough nor wise enough to understand the business. As for the other two that have set their hands, doubts not their readiness to do the like to other false suggestions.*

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Sept. 6.
St. James's.

69. M. Wren to the Navy Comrs. Sends an Order of Council for a privy seal for the sale of ships, and desires them to get it passed. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 6.
Kinsale
Harbour.

70. Sir Jer. Smith to the Navy Comrs. Has had little assistance in ship victualling from Mr. Gauden; the 950*l.* which he ordered from Dublin is not likely to be paid, and if it were, is pre-engaged for paying off old arrears. The ships are generally out of stores, and no recruits to be had there. They come so ill fitted and provided from England, that when they meet with foul weather, they are not able to keep the sea, but with every storm are forced to put into harbour. Daily expects orders for coming to England, and hopes care will be taken for repairing the ships after arrival, as until then, they will not be serviceable. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

70. I. *List by Sir Jer. Smith of 25 ships in the harbour of Kinsale, and 18 cruising abroad, with particulars of operations performed on and victuals supplied to them; also the names of six ships with Sir Robert Holmes in the Limerick Road, and an account of provisions shipped thither from Milford.* [2 pages.]

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70. II. *Another list of the 25 ships in Kinsale harbour.*

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The Princess,
Tillbury Hope.

71. Capt. Anth. Langston to the Navy Comrs. Desires that 60 men from the merchant ships now to be discharged may be turned over to him, with what oars they have to spare of the King's, as there are not any to be had in either of the yards. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Plymouth.

72. Thos. Melmoth to Mr. Hayter. Has received the books by the Exeter carrier, and hopes those for the Sorlings and Drake are come to the office. Sir John Teddeman has burnt and sunk 23 ships at Martinico, and burnt their admiral of 50 guns by one of our fire-ships, which occasioned the burning of six more, but two merchant ships got further into the harbour. Sir John has gone to Nevis, but has left three frigates in the road. The news of the loss of our men at St. Christopher is true. The Drake has come from Scilly. The Virginia ships have gone. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 6.
Prize Office,
London.

73. Sir C. Bennet, R. Kingdon, and G. Clifford, Sub-Comrs of Prizes, to Lord Brouncker. Desire delivery of the prize ship the Copper Slayer of Enchuysen, if she has performed the service of weighing the London and recovering her guns, having orders from the Prize Comrs. to deliver her to Sir Anthony Des Marces. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 6.

Warrant to pay to the Earl of Anglesey, Navy Treasurer, 30,000*l.* on account, for payment of interest at 6 per cent., from the date of their orders, to Navy officers and others engaged in the late war against the Dutch, who desire to have their orders for payment registered on the 11 months' tax. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 6.

Grant to Rich. Hornbrook of the office of Bluemantle pursuivant-at-arms, void by promotion of Rob. Chaloner to be Lancaster herald. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 6.

Warrant for presentation of — Batty to the rectory of Hitcham, co. Suffolk. Minute. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 64.*]

Sept. 6.
Whitehall.

74. Warrant for presentation of — Butler to the church of Islington, with St. Mary's annexed, co. Norfolk, void by death of David Kennedy. Minute.

Sept. 6.

Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 64.*]

Sept. 7

75. Petition of Thos. Martin to the King, for reprieve. Was ordered by the Lord Chief Justice to apprehend the highwaymen of England, as being very intimate with most of them; they hearing of this, sent men to tax him falsely for stealing 30*l.*, and produced false witnesses, so that he is condemned to die, and they will thus be in great security. *Annering,*

75. I. — to the King. Intercedes for pardon for Thos. Martin, a poor gentleman, who long and faithfully served the late King, has been condemned to death in Surrey, and is now prisoner in the Marshalsea. [*French.*]

Sept. 6.

Warrant for reprieve of Thomas Martin, condemned at the late Surrey assizes for stealing 30*l.* Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 548.*]

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Warrant for a baronetcy to Sir Jean Kievit. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 548.*]

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76. Suggestions for proceedings in Council relative to enforcing processes in the Exchequer against persons convicted of recusancy; proceedings for suppression of all masses, excepting those at the ambassadors' and Queens' chapels; banishment of native priests; prevention of the breeding of children in foreign seminaries, and the resort of Papists to Court and conventicles. To be done by a proclamation, and a declaration which is yet to leave some little door of hope to dissenting Protestants of a further degree of ease from Parliament, which the King would be glad should be found out. [See *Council Register*. 3 pages.]

Sept. 6.
Hague.

77. Mary Liversedge to Eliz. Harvey, at Dr. Gideon's, London. Begs for a letter. Has only heard once from her since she left the Hague. Enquires after her daughter.

Sept. 6.
Glasgow.

78. Archbishop of Glasgow to Williamson. Recommends Rob. Mein, the postmaster, to Lord Arlington. There is much talk of the great changes at Court as likely to produce changes in Scotland. Asks how the vacant bishoprics are bestowed.

Sept. 6.
Plymouth.

79. John Clarke to James Hicke. A vessel arrived from Barbadoes brings news that the English lost 600 or 700 men in the attempt on St. Christopher; that Sir John Harman was not then there, but going with 11 ships, and left a ketch at Barbadoes to bring more soldiers after him; that the ketch met a French sloop with a packet from St. Christopher to their fleet at Martinico, and took her, whereupon Sir John Harman sailed there, and fell upon their fleet of 27 sail, 25 of which he sank, and burnt the others, save two which escaped; also that he left three of his fleet there, and went with the rest to Nevis, to make another attempt on St. Christopher.

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80. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

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Newcastle.

81. Rich. Forster to Williamson. About 80 ships have arrived from Yarmouth and other ports, and a great fleet of small ships is now at Sunderland. The wind being at north-east, the laden vessels remain in port.

Sept. 6.
Yarmouth.

82. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The laden colliers hourly pass that road, so that few will be left to come with the convoy appointed. The Dutchmen that are come with their scoots are troubled at the clause of the latter part of the Act as to Irish cattle, by which they are forbidden to bring in any fish, fresh or salt; some encourage them that all such Acts are void by the articles of peace, and others to the contrary, so that the poor Dutchman is in a wood. Hears of none that take care to be satisfied of the truth, either for their own satisfaction or the poor men's, and desires his opinion thereon.

Sept. 6.
Cockermouth.

83. John Lamplugh, George Lamplugh, rector of Lamplugh, George Williamson, and Pickering Hewer to Williamson. Desire him to procure His Majesty's touch for John Dixon, a neighbour and parishioner, who is troubled with the evil.

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Sept. 6. 84. Certificate by J. Phelps, auditor [of the Exchequer], to the Lords of the Treasury, that John Watts, son of Sir John Watts, receiver of the revenue for Middlesex, London, &c., has been employed as deputy to his father ever since the latter's grant of office, has duly accounted for all the revenue within his receipt, and is in surplusage on his last account above 700*l.*; that Sir John Watts is desirous, in regard of his age, &c., to surrender up his patent, and entreats a new grant in favour of his son.
- Sept. 7.
Lyons. 85. Anth. Thorold to James Hickey. The Hart from Barbadoes reports that Sir John Harman came there with his squadron in June, and after staying two days, sailed for Nevis, leaving the Portsmouth ketch behind to bring such men as were on shore. She on her way took a French sloop, by which Sir John was informed that the French fleet of 22 sail was at Martinico; on this he hasted away, taking some other ships that lay at Nevis with him; he found the French fleet there, and in making up to them, they saluted him with many hundred shots, both from the fort and the ships, which he did not return, but the next three following days they fought, when the wind favouring to get in amongst them, he clapped a fire-ship on board their admiral, which burnt her and six more; he burnt in all 17 sail, only five escaping. There are several ships from Guinea at Barbadoes. Being market day there, the peace has been proclaimed with the usual solemnities.
- Sept. 7.
Bristol. 86. Jo. Baskerville to James Hickey. Two ships from Nevis confirm the good condition of that island, and the probability of success in the attempt to regain St. Christopher. The three proclamations of peace have been read, with the usual solemnities, to the satisfaction of the general part of the city; hopes many formerly diffident may now believe.
- Sept. 7.
Rye. 87. Capt. James Welsh to Williamson. Arrival and departure of vessels.
- Sept. 7.
Margate. 88. John Smith to Williamson. Capt. Cary, an Ostender, has taken a vessel of Portugal, laden with sugar, under our port, without its firing a gun, and chased another, and also a French man-of-war, into Broadstairs pier. Another vessel, laden with wine and brandy, is on the Goodwin Sands.
- Sept. 7.
Bridlington. 89. John Bower to James Hickey. Many ships have passed since the seas have been open. A sudden gale falling amongst the fleet of colliers put 50 or 60 of them into that bay, and two with the loss of their masts; one was overset in the sea, but the men saved; two more vessels are wanting.
- Sept. 7.
Croydon. 90. Rowland Selby to Williamson. Has just received the news of Sir Wm. Bassett's death, and supposes the cornet will have his place; ought in justice to be cornet himself. Desires that Lord Arlington will put a stop to all that may pretend to the place.
- Sept. 7. 91. Rich. Kingdon to Williamson. Major Bayly,—on whose account an acknowledgment was made of a favour, in a proviso in

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1667. the bill for Ireland, though hitherto ineffectual, begs him to move Lord [Arlington] to befriend his present petition. If the ship be sold, he requests the proceeds.
- Sept. 7. 92. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Sixteen colliers laden from Harwich. Newcastle have made for the river.
- Sept. 7. 93. Dr. Thos. Croftes to Lord Arlington. Sir Edmund Pierce, Master in Chancery, being dead, the Lord Chancellor has lapsed the opportunity of collation, and the vacant mastership has devolved, with the seal, to the King's disposal. Though the seal is in the Lord Keeper's hands, presumes a letter from His Majesty to the latter, with an intimation of the case stated, may prevail for the disposal thereof. The King will undoubtedly nominate the person recommended by his lordship. Prays his recommendation.
- Sept. 7. Reference of the petition of Ant. Basso—for revision of a sentence passed upon the ship *Sacrifice of Abraham*—to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to whom it was before referred, but not in time to prevent the adjudication; with order that the whole case be sent up, and severe inquiry made on the embezzlement complained of, whether the goods belong to the proprietors or His Majesty. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 259.*]
- Sept. 7. 94. Account of the Navy Comrs.' proceedings with Mr. Dering, about the demurrage of ships hired by him at Newcastle for fetching planks from Hamburg, Nov. 3, 1666, Aug. 7, and Sept. 7, 1667. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]
- Sept. 7. 95. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Thanks for their noticing Bristol. his endeavours to promote the service; it has not been a light burden; has sacrificed his all and more therein. Repairs of the Harp. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 7. 96. Thos. Browne and P. Letexier to Wm. Hewers. Peace is St. Malo. already published at Breda, and after the 5th instant, all acts of hostility cease in the Channel. Will send the goods bought by direction of the Navy Comrs, on receipt of an order directed to them, as partners, which they were when they bought the goods. Noyals are cheaper than formerly. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclose,*
96. 1. *Capt. Wm. Hill, prisoner at Rochelle, to Mr. Browne. Was cast away by a hurricane in the West Indies. Was vice-admiral to Lord Willoughby of Parham, who was lost with seven ships in a storm. Was the only commander sent to France as a trophy of the French general's victories, which in those parts are very high upon us. Hopes to come to St. Malo, to get passage for England. Rochelle, Aug. 17, 1667.*
- Sept. 8. 97. F. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Finds the flesh in store more than Dover. the balance of his month's account. Will send particulars of the survey by next post. Asks whether they have any service for him to perform, before departing from that port. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Sept. 8. 98. Capt. Anth. Langston to the Navy Comrs. Asks a warrant
The Princess, appointing Thomas Powell, his chief mate, as master, in place of
Tilbury Hope. John Harris, lately dead; wants 60 or 70 men from discharged
merchant ships, to complete his complement. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 8. 99. Capt. Robert Clark to the Navy Comrs. Has lightened the
The Munmouth, ship by taking out the guns, &c., and brought her to 16 feet 3 inches.
Halfway Tree. Received a message from Mr. Pett, the builder at Woolwich, to get
her up, so as to go into dock. Has sent to the Tower about taking
out the powder, and hopes to be supplied with lighters. [*Adm.
Paper.*]
- Sept. 8. 100. Sir John Reresby to Williamson. Desired that Lord Arling-
Thribergh. ton might be requested to send the proclamations of peace, the
people in those parts being doubtful because it has not been pro-
claimed in their market towns, the usual boundaries of their faith;
but having received them next day, acknowledges their receipt to
prevent others being sent down.
- Sept. 8. 101. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Has no news, all things
Portsmouth. being quiet and no ships stirring.
- Sept. 8. 102. Thos. Holden to James Hiekes. The Summer Island mer-
Falmouth. chant from Barbadoes, and the Brothers' Adventure from Virginia,
both laden with tobacco, have put out of that harbour for London.
- Sept. 8. 103. M. Scott to Williamson. Ten ships have passed southward.
Berwick. A Swede, bound for Leith with iron and timber, put into Holy
Island harbour, where a Hollander, taken by a Scotch privateer,
was lying. After the Swedes had moored their ship, they went ashore
to refresh themselves, leaving only a boy in the ship, whereupon the
Scotchmen that were in the prize came aboard the Swede, and stole
the master's money. Complaint coming to Lord Widdrington, the
governor, he rode over and caused them to deliver it back. The
four companies of His Majesty's Guards, drawn to Berwick for
security of the ships in the Tyne, have returned back.
- Sept. 8 7 104. Mat. Johnson to Williamson. Subjoins from the Clerk of
the Crown's books the form of a writ to the Lord Chancellor, for
summoning a peer to Parliament. Endorsed "Earl of Mulgrave,
Earl of Rochester."
- Sept. 8. 105. Warrant to the Lord Keeper, Sir Orlando Bridgeman, to
Whitehall. issue a writ of summons to the Earl of Mulgrave, to be present at
the House of Peers, in the session to be held 10 Oct. next.
- Sept. 8. Entry of the above, noting his being but 20 years of age. [*Ent.
Book 17, p. 255.*]
- Sept. 8. 106. Like warrant for the Earl of Rochester to be called to
Parliament.
- Sept. 8. Minute of the above, noting his being in the 21st year of his age
[*Ent. Book 17, p. 255.*]

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Sept. 8. Commission for Harry FitzJames to be Captain to Sir John Sayers' company. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 178.*]
- Sept. 9. Lord Arlington to [the Governors of Castles]. The King wishes
Whitchall. an account of what prisoners are now in restraint in the kingdom, and of the crimes of which they are accused. Begs an exact list of those in their charge, with date of committal, by whose warrants, &c. With list of 18 persons to whom these letters were sent. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 178.*]
- Sept. 9. Warrant for discharging the Farmers of Excise of London, Middlesex, and Surrey, from 27,684*l.*, out of their rent of the farm, in respect of their losses by the plague, and for the moiety of 8*d.* per gallon on strong waters imported; but if they recover the said moiety, they are to pay 684*l.* into the Treasury. [*Docquet.*]
- Sept. 9. Warrant authorizing the Duke of York to order the selling several men-of-war and other ships become unserviceable, the proceeds to be applied to the use of the Navy. [*Docquet.*]
- Sept. 9. 107. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Begs pardon for his long
Truro. silence, having been commanded into Devon with his company for seven weeks, by the alarm of the Dutch. Hopes now to continue the correspondence.
- Sept. 9. 108. Samuel Tncker to Lord Arlington. Sends a letter from
Rotterdam. Judith Singleton, an English woman confined in Newgate for speaking seditious words, and begs she may be set at liberty, as he has witnesses who can prove that she never spoke the words attributed to her, and that it is not possible for a woman to be more for His Majesty's interest than she is.
- Sept. 9. 109. John Man to James Hickey. Mr. Powell, his correspondent
Swansea. from Milford, was Malory's clerk whilst he lived, and has now no dependence on the Custom House; has charge of that business till the farmers sell it, and having placed Francis Bowen in it, desires that the news-letters and gazettes may be sent to him. The last intelligence of a vessel of Swansea, which they say came from Virginia was false, and might have caused a mistake between the writer and the farmers [of Customs].
- Sept. 9. 110. John Man to Williamson. The Spaniard from Majorca has
Swansea. sailed for Ostend. He had a private commission to take Frenchmen; if he take any ship from Brittany coming thither, he will spoil the country's trade for the season. The Desire of Swansea has arrived from New England, having been windbound in Milford Haven 16 days; the last intelligence from Milford said she was from Virginia, which was false.
- Sept. 9. 111. "Advices received," being notes from letters all calendared above.
- Sept. 9. 112. Sir Philip Musgrave to [Williamson]. Asks whether he is to remain on duty in those parts, and whether the King will dispense

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1667. with his attendance at the next sitting of Parliament; his age and infirmities move him to avoid such a long journey in the winter, if the sitting be as short as the last. Requests a reply by the next post, so that he may have time to bespeak a coach at York, and prepare to attend, if required.
- Sept. 9. 113. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The Dread has arrived from
Pendenais. Rotterdam, bound for Bordeaux, being the first Dutchman since the peace. She wears Hamburg colours, and says she is to stay 14 days.
- Sept. 9. 114. Capt. Wm. Burstow of the Francis to the Navy Comrs.
Harwich. Asks what number of men will be allowed him. Is commanded not to enter more than usually borne on a ship of that rate in time of peace, and is ignorant of that number. His station is between Yarmouth Roads and Flamborough Head. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 9. 115. Capt. George Liddell of the Roebuck to the Navy Comrs.
Harwich. To the same effect. His station is between Flamborough Head and Tynemouth Bar. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 9. 116. Ph. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Has examined the stores, and
Chatham Dock. finds but very few masts, and none fit for sheathing boards for the Monmouth. Asks a supply of timber. Knows not how to employ the men for want of it, and the upper works of the ships were very much shattered by the last engagement. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 9. 117. Edw. Gregory to Sam. Pepys. Gives an abstract of warrants
Chatham. issued for harbour provisions for four ships, since his last account. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 9. 118. Sir G. Downing to the Navy Comrs. The Treasury Comrs.
Treasury desire their attendance on Wednesday, in pursuance of an order of
Chambers. Council, to advise what stores must be provided for the Navy, and
Whitehall. what charge of the yards may be retrenched. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 9. 119. Capt. Robt. Hooper, of the Harp, to the Navy Comrs.
Bristol. Mr. Furzer has made quick dispatch in repairing the frigate. The charges are no more than necessary. Has orders from the Duke of Ormond to return to Dublin, and has written to tell him the occasion of his stay. Shall be ready to sail in a week, and awaits their orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 9. 120. Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. It is very possible there
Vintaging may be want of beer for the ships in Humber. Finds the whole
Office. declaration is issued, and has had so great disappointment of money, that he has not been able to give that place such supplies as might enable the agent to encourage the brewers in further issues. They will not be persuaded to deliver more without ready money, which he cannot raise. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 9. 121. John Russell to the Navy Comrs. There is great want of
Edwinstow. hoys to carry away the timber lying at Stockwith, the shore being so full that he knows not where to lay any more. If a great land flood come, it will be in danger to swim away. There are two

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prize boys at Hull that belonged to Amsterdam, were built for the same use, and would be as fit as any that can be built. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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122. M. Wren to the Navy Comrs. His Royal Highness desires that they will supply the Katherine and Ann yacht with fitting sails; also that the said yachts may be cleaned and graved. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Dover.

123. Fr. Hosier to Sam. Pepys. Gives an abstract of a survey of provisions in that port. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Woolwich.

124. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comrs. Has pressed several house carpenters, for carrying on the works of the mast and reed house. Was willing to allow them a tide a day if they worked extra hours, but the short day not admitting thereof, the strangers are discontented, and have in general left work. Suggests that two or three of the ringleaders may be clipped into the Marshalsea, and severely punished; shall not otherwise be able to keep any command over them. Several of the calkers lent to Deptford have not returned, although warned. Desires that the Marshal of the Admiralty may have orders to come down, to force or carry them to prison. Wants a supply of timber from Mr. Hulbert, to carry on the works of the Monmouth. [*Damaged, Adm. Paper.*]

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The Three
Swans, Stoney
Stratford.

125. John Langruck to Sam. Pepys. Is sending to the water side the timber wanted by Mr. Shish. He also desires 30 or 40 planks to launch upon. Cannot send them without their orders, having provided them for the new ship at Woolwich. Is in great strait for money to pay some Hampshire teams that have been there all the summer. Left the imprest bills with Mr. Morlow, Robert Wright, who will return with the money, is now waiting at the office. He lives at the sign of the Peacock in Aldersgate Street. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Harwich.

126. Comr. John Taylor to the Navy Comrs. Thanks them for discovering what the storekeeper signified to Lord Brouneker, as it appeared as if he had a design of coveting more than due weight in the iron. Gives particulars of a difference between himself and the storekeeper, as to weighing the remains of iron in store, the latter scarcely allowing the scales to turn; and also of the refusal of the storekeeper to measure plank delivered by Mr. Maddocks. He casts off all duty, and leaves it to instruments not fit for trust. Desires they will order him personally to see every draught weighed, and to clean the scale from the rust, or allow for it. Will then take it at their price, though it will be 25 per cent. loss, and will never come into the storehouse whilst it is weighing. The prisoners are sent up as per advice. Asks as to the loan money; if 450*l.* in money and the rest bills may pass in the Exchequer for 1,000*l.*, rather than not show himself forward to do his utmost, will borrow it. Asks if the 20*s.* a man advance money shall be stopped, if money is sent down to pay those belonging to the fire-ships. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

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Sept. 10. 127. Denis Gaden to Sam. Pepys. His agent at Leith cannot prevail with the commanders of ships there to take in the victuals in store, nor to forbear putting their empty casks on shore. The Convertine prize-ship, ordered for London, would be fit to bring them thence. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 10.
Barber
Surgeons' Hall. 128. The Master and Warden of the Barber Surgeons' Company to the Navy Comrs. The importunities of the Navy surgeons are as many as their wants are great. Since May 2, 1666, bills have come to their hands, signed by their Honours and remaining unpaid, amounting to 1,496*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.*, for filling chests with medicines, &c. Have not received the 300*l.* which the treasurer was desired to pay them six months since on account. Often meet with outrageous and opprobrious language from surgeons at home, and the relations of such as are abroad, as if through their neglect the money is so long unpaid. Beg satisfaction, that they may be encouraged to serve with willingness. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 10.
Ipswich. 129. Andrew Crawley to Sam. Pepys. Sends an account of receipts and issues of stores for the last month, and of what remained in store to the 7th instant. No ships have come into Harwich since his last. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 10.
Deptford. 130. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Asks for a warrant to Mr. Pett at Woolwich, to deliver certain timbers. The Sapphire is in the dry dock, and no timber to sheathe her. Mr. Hulbert has 16 or 20 loads on the stone wharf, and Mr. Edgell will give credit for 20 loads. Hopes they will agree with them, as that served in by Mr. Rayner is almost used. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 10.
Chatham Dock. 131. John Brooke and Wm. Rand to the Navy Comrs. Particulars of operations on the Vanguard and other sunk ships in the river, and clearing away the moorings of the chain. The captain of the Success can spare 40 and the Signet 20 men. Must put some ropemakers on the James and London, to help them about. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 10.
Chatham Dock. 132. William Rand and John Brooke to the Navy Comrs. The Royal James and London being ready to sail, sent a warrant to Thos. Stretton to take charge of the London. He came and threw the paper at them, and refused to go, and Robt. Samson, who had a warrant for the James, will not go either. No other pilots are to be had there, and their boatswains will not take the charge on themselves. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 10.
Bath. 133. J. G—— to Dr. Beale. Is so troubled to see the uncontrolled madness and disorders of the people in those parts that he is almost weary of living. They still grow in numbers and insolence, and openly denounce judgments and pass damning sentences against all that come to the public. They say they shall have liberty of conscience, and that the government, which cannot stand much longer, durst not do otherwise than permit them their freedom; they

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have arrived at such insolence as to break open church doors and to get into the churches, to vent their sedition and rebellion per force. The minister at Marshfield, 5 miles off, is fain often to return from church for want of a congregation of two or three, when at the same time 500 are met in a barn in the town. They make up their barns into the formalities of churches, with seats for the convenience of speaking and hearing. Has taken all ways imaginable to keep his people within the bounds of sobriety and obedience, and preaches constantly twice a day, to suit their humour in all things lawful, descending to the plainest speaking and the most practical, and never uses a note nor writes so much as a word. Treats those of the party with all civility and kindness, and is very pacificatory both in public and private, but yet sees that he that will be a minister must be content to be a martyr. If no course is to be taken, is resolved to let the higher powers know how the case stands. Shall then have the satisfaction of having done his duty to his God, King, and country. [2 pages.]

Sept. 10.
Newcastle.

134. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Forty sail arrived in that harbour report that three or four great ships were lost in the late storm. There are hopes of a good trade this winter.

Sept. 10.
Plymouth.

135. John Clarke to Williamson. The merchants here are despatching several ships for France, with great quantities of drapery and other commodities.

Sept. 10.
Falmouth.

136. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Arrival and departure of ships between 5 and 10 Sept. The Peace and King David from Flushing report that the Dutch have 5,000 or 6,000 men in arms upon the frontiers, and that they do not fear the French, pretending they can trounce them all, if they attempt the country; also that there was great rejoicing in Holland on the proclaiming of peace. A hoy came in with beer and water for De Ruyter's fleet, but will not venture beyond Scilly, for fear of being taken. The Swallow reports that 13 or 14 Zante merchantmen, convoyed from the Straits by Sir Robert Holmes, have put in at Kinsale, because he told them that if he met with any men-of-war he would engage, and so should not take that care of the vessels they would otherwise expect. [2 pages.]

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137. Thos. Holden to James Hickes To the same effect. [1½ pages.]

Sept. 10.
Dover.

138. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. The packet which went to Nieuport last Tuesday was plundered by a French privateer. If these things be suffered, the passage will be spoiled, and the packet-boats signify little. Must have an order from Lord Arlington, if he is to send all the merchants' letters brought ashore to Whitehall, otherwise the masters or pursers of ships will not part with the letters they bring.

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139. "Advices received," being extracts from letters as follows:—

Harwich, Sept. 10: The Dutch packet-boat from Helvoetsluis, and a small vessel with merchants arrived. The merchants went by land to London. Many colliers went away for Newcastle.

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Weymouth, Sept. 9 : The Deptford and Eaglet ketch have gone from Portsmouth for the Western Plantations. The Virginia fleet from Fowey, &c., passed by to the eastwards.

West Cowes, Sept. 9 : A small galliot of Amsterdam, laden with deals and cheese, bound for Lisbon arrived; but the vessel not proving sound, will sell her goods there. Many merchantmen were left in the Texel, and 15 great ships, with six States men-of-war, bound for the Straits.

Portsmouth, Sept. 10 : The Revenge and Mary Rose are fitting for sea, and a vessel from Jersey and Guernsey reports all quiet there.

Sept. 11. 140. John Powell to Williamson. The Dartmouth and Richmond frigates have sailed for Dublin.

Sept. 11. 141. John Powell to James Hickey. To the same effect.

Sept. 11. The King to Lord Keeper Bridgeman. The custody of the estates of idiots and lunatics belongs to the Crown, which takes the profits of the former, allowing them necessities, but provides for lunatics, without taking their profits. Many of them were formerly under the court of wards and liveries, and since its disuse, there have been multiplied suits and addresses thereon. As writs of inquiry about them are issued from the Chancery court, commits to his charge all idiots and lunatics, with power to order warrants for their custody and that of their estates. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 160-1.*]

Sept. 11. The King to Lord Keeper Bridgeman. Is often troubled with the pitiful petitions of subjects who have sustained losses by fire, shipwreck, or pirates, wishing for patents to make collections of alms in different counties. To avoid trouble, refers the same for consideration to him, according to the precedent of the late King, giving him full power to pass licences in the usual form, at his discretion. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 261.*]

Sept. 11. Warrant to Lord Keeper Bridgeman to pass under the great seal several grants directed to the Lord Chancellor, if he think fit; and also to sign and subscribe injunctions, decrees, &c. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 262.*]

Sept. 11. Proclamation permitting the free export of all sorts of grain for three months, the prices being now below those prescribed as the standard for exportation, by the Act for encouragement of trade, viz. : wheat, 48s. a quarter; barley, 28s. a quarter; although the licence to export may cause a sudden rise in the prices. [*Printed, Proc. Coll. Charles II., pp. 251-2.*]

Sept. 11. 142. Draft of the above. [2 pages]

Sept. 11. 143. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Forty or fifty vessels have arrived from the West country to fish, and most of the Dutch scoots are gone to sea to fall in with the herrings. Several threaten to seize their fish if they bring it in to Yarmouth. Those mostly adverse to it are the owners of fishing boats, prejudiced by the plenty, who allege it is destructive to the navigation, and in time will eat out the fishery. The generality of the town are for their

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coming in, because it brings a benefit by the profit made on the herrings, the Dutch being forced to take the town price, and makes the fishery more industrious, which is apparent by the late improvement made; also because it makes for navigation, as the greater the quantity brought in, the more shipping is employed to transport it. The French and Dutch also pay a great duty towards the maintenance of the pier, and not only spend their money when ashore, but lay out considerable sums on going away. Two frigates have come into the road to wait upon the fishery, and about 12 ships more are at anchor.

Sept. 11.
Chester.

144. Ma. Anderton to Williamson. Desires him to acquaint Lady Ossory, if she has not left Whitehall, that Capt. Jas. Sharland, with the Mary yacht pleasure boat, has arrived at Dawpool, in order to attend her. Many ships are preparing for trade into foreign parts. The people are transported with joy upon the lord keeper's instalment into the ministry, and the Presbyterians big with expectation that their idol gods, their factious ministers, should be tolerated to prate in public.

Sept. 11.
Bristol.

145. J. Baskerville to James Hickey. Account of the destruction of the French fleet at Martinico, by Sir John Harman.

Sept. 11.
Piscataway.

146. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Arrival of ships. A victualler with provisions for De Ruyter has an order to come into that port and wait for him. She tells of a flying army of 1,600, under the command of Prince Maurice, being on the borders of Flanders, and that the States have sent to the French King, to know whether he will lay claim to any of their towns in Flanders. Capt. Manning, [a privateer, has also come in from Ireland, and says Sir Robert Holmes with five frigates more is coming for London.

Sept. 11.
Whitehall.

147. Order in Council to accept a proposal by the Duke of York, for the sale of fire and merchant ships at Kinsale, instead of in England, as merchants are sure to buy, and the men are needed there to recruit other ships; merchants of Bristol are to have notice of the sale, and the proceeds to be applied to the use of the Navy; also that Sir John Harman be permitted to receive merchants' goods into 12 or 13 vessels under his care in America, the freight to be on the King's account, and the captains to have a third of the profit, provided no goods are stowed between decks, nor the ships delayed in their voyages, waiting for freight; also, that Sir John sell there all prizes taken which were outward bound, and bring home for sale all that were homewards bound.

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Whitehall.

148. Order in Council,—on account of the flocking, contrary to law, of persons of the Romish religion, to the chapel of the Queen, at St. James's, of the Queen-Mother at Somers House, and to the houses of several foreign ambassadors,—that none, excepting the families of their said persons, and their children shall attend the said masses, on pain of prosecution. [1½ pages.]

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149. Copy of the above. [Printed.]

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Sept. 11. 150. Capt. Geo. Watson to the Navy Comrs. Received orders
The Mermaid, from Sir Thos. Allin to convoy all ships bound to the eastward, from
Downs. Plymouth and Dartmouth to the Thames; has arrived in the Downs
with the Virginia fleet. Shall go for the Hope, and there wait
orders. The Mermaid is fit for service, if there be occasion. [*Adm.
Paper.*]
- Sept. 11. 151. Sir Thos. Teddeman to the Navy Comrs. Asks what to do
Dover. with five fire-ships named and their men, the war being at an end;
28 or 30 Virginia merchant ships have come into the Downs, with a
fifth-rate frigate, which he took to be the Mermaid. [*Adm.
Paper.*]
- Sept. 11. 152. Certificate by J. Wren, that David Willis, purser of the
Sophia, has cleared his victualling account between 29 May 1666,
and 20 January 1667. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclosing,*
152. 1. *Robert Smith to Sam. Pepys. The securities propounded
for David Willis, purser of the Sophia, are persons of
good repute, and adjudged sufficient security for 300*l.*
With note that this bond was delivered up Sept. 12 1667,
he having passed his victualling account.*

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Sept. 12. 1. Edw. Sherburne and three other Ordnance Officers to the Navy
Ordnance Office. Comrs. Will write to their agent to take an account of and receive
the guns and ammunition at Hull, taken out of the prizes. [*Adm.
Paper.*]
- Sept. 12. 2. John Cox to the Navy Comrs. Most of the fire-ships are there,
Deptford. and have not yet been delivered to the owners. As the men are paid
off, they leave, and nobody is left to prevent damage and embezzle-
ment, or to carry them up when discharged. The ships have already
received damage, both there and at Woolwich. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 12. 3. Aut. Deane to the Navy Comrs. Desires they will hasten
Harwich. down the smith, who is with them in London for money; the plat-
terer is much behind in his works on the new ship, which would
have been perfected if the men had not been taken off to refit the
fire-ships, and if they could have had a supply of ironwork. [*Adm.
Paper.*]
- Sept. 12. 4. Comr. John Taylor to the Navy Comrs. Is sorry about the
Harwich. delay of fire-ships and men. The old masters storm to have their
ships discharged, and the men say, "give us money or tickets."
Asks orders whether they are to have tickets, and if so, who is
to sign them. Is resolved to victual all the fire-ships' men on board
the West Friesland, and to discharge the fire-ships, unless forbidden.
Mr. Munke, the blockmaker, will go on with the new ship's works,

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if they will give him hopes that the imprest bill of 100*l*. will be paid ere long, and will grant him the same price for his wares as they allow to others. It costs him money to come to London to get his bills and money. There is no oakum in store, and three or four ships have great need. Desires a supply of timber and iron, or money to buy them, and wishes they had an account what iron has been received, so that the smith's accounts were set straight. Sent to the storekeeper about the account for fortifications, but he cannot do it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

- Sept. 12. 5. Ph. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Finds they are dissatisfied with
Chatham Dock. his arguments as to Mr. Lewsley not being subject to check. Would hate as much as any man to do His Majesty wrong, and can certify that his instrument has been faithful in the service, but having met with so many discouragements, he is very free, if they think fit, to relinquish the employment. Several instruments belonging to the clerk of the cheque do not attend their times of call, as Lord Brouncker may ascertain at his coming to Chatham. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 12. 6. Wm. Jenvey to Williamson. Several vessels are riding there
Deal. bound for New England and France; 23 or 24 Virginia ships, a fire-ship, and five Hollanders, besides 20 others, have come in, but very few stayed.
- Sept. 12. 7. Capt. James Welsh to Williamson. Fifteen great ships, supposed
Rye. to be English merchant ships, have gone through the bay eastward. A vessel having 250 quarters of wheat foundered in 24 fathoms of water off Dungeness, through the storm, and her crew of four men and a boy took to their boat, and came away before the wind for Rye; but not knowing the place, she turned over upon the bar, and two of the men only were saved.
- Sept. 12. 8. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Truelove, Francis, and
Harwich. Roebuck have gone to their stations betwixt Yarmouth and Tyne-mouth; coal ships for London pass daily, and some drop in there, but as yet hold their coals very dear; viz. 27*s*. per chaldron.
- Sept. 12. Warrant to the Lord Keeper to seal the ratifications of the
Treaty of Commerce with Spain, and the secret articles thereto belonging. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 549.*]
- Sept. 12. Warrant for a grant of pardon to John Latimer, rector of Halton,
Whitehall. co. Bucks, for the manslaughter of Chris. Harper, his servant, who was hurt by him through passionate and indiscreet correction, but lived nine months after. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 306.*]
- Sept. 13. 9. Abra. Holmes, Jer. Hand, and Wm. Loddington, prisoners in
Windsor Castle. to Lord Arlington. Desire assistance towards procuring their freedom. Two of them were committed by his warrant, as Sir Henry Bennet, in April 1664, and Jeremiah Hand by another warrant from the same in 1665, but have never heard of any

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1667. particular crime objected against them. It would be tedious to give him an account of their losses and sufferings by this long and causeless imprisonment.
- Sept. 13. 10. John Clarke to Williamson. The merchants are providing
Plymouth. their ships to trade into all parts. No ships have arrived since his last.
- Sept. 13. 11. John Clarke to James Hickey. To the same effect.
- Sept. 13. 12. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Newcastle has the face of trade
Newcastle. again, all the laden ships having sailed, and above 100 being in the harbour, ready to set sail when laden, and the wind fair.
- Sept. 13. 13. John Smith to Williamson. His Majesty's ship the Sorlings,
Margate. going through the Narrow, ran aground on the Woolpecker Sand, and was lost; the men have forsaken her, she being full of water; the captain has secured the pilot, Abraham Johnson of Deal, it being his fault.
- Sept. 13. 14. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The laden fleet from Newcastle
Yarmouth. has been coming up these two days, and the Sweepstakes has come to anchor there. The Roebuck, Truelove, and others have sailed for the Thames.
- Sept. 13. 15. Sir John Wyrley to Lord Keeper Bridgeman. Received papers
Hamsted Hall. from his lordship about a conventicle or seditious meeting at Oldbury, co. Salop, held by — Frazer and his accomplices; waited on Sir Rob. Holt, Warwickshire, upon the place, and he promised assistance to discover and punish the offenders, as do other honest gentleman near. Hopes, as justice of peace, by pursuing his lordship's most useful instructions, to prevent any attempting the like boldness there.
- Sept. 13. 16. Capt. Wm. Crispin to the Navy Comrs. Forbears sending an
Kinsale. account of the disposal of stores, Mr. Penn not having time to compare his accounts, because of his daily musters on board the fleet, and his preparing books to be sent by the first squadron. The Ruby was forced in by foul weather, and the captain's being dangerously sick; also the Advice with the loss of her masts. Sir Rob. Holmes has arrived with five ships named, and two prizes taken by a privateer of his. Gives the names of 14 ships which remain cruising abroad. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 13. 17. Richard Elkin to the Navy Comrs. Sends accounts of men
Gravesend. mustered on board the respective ships named. Has delivered the books into the office. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 13. 18. John Brooke to the Navy Comrs. The wrecks of the Royal
Chatham New dock. James and London set sail to day. Could not send them before for want of pilots, as those to whom he sent the warrants flatly denied coming about with them. Was constrained to send 33 ropemakers in the ships, as the captains could spare but 60 men. Promised to bring the ropemakers back, or to write to their Honours for money to bear their charges. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Sept. 13. Plymouth. 19. John Lanyon to the Navy Comrs. Sends an account of disbursements on ships, amounting to 81*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*, certified by Sir Thos. Allin, who went hence yesterday for London. Will consult Sir John Skelton touching an account for pilotage of ships under command of Rear-Admiral Kempthorne, wherein is something disputable about the ordnance. One of De Ruyter's long boats was brought in by the Drake frigate, and seized by the Vice-Admiral. It would be very useful in watering or weighing anchors. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 13. London. 20. Dinah Dnnster to the Navy Comrs. Asks them to send somebody to look after the Maybolt galliot, her husband the late master being dead, and the mate and seamen sick. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 14. Bury. 21. Sir Thos. Harvey, [Navy Comr.,] to Sam. Pepys. Hears of the great necessity there is for his coming to London, to pay off the ships, and will be with him on Wednesday. It comes from a very good hand, or could not have given credit to it, having had no such advice from him, nor any of the Board. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 14. Harwich. 22. Comr. John Taylor to the Navy Comrs. Communicated their proposals to Capt. Deane and four more of the chiefest in the service whom they could trust; adding words to invite one another to bring men to consent to what is desired. Knowing the tempers and wants of the men, all judge it not advisable even to mention such a thing; the men are poor, most of them under press, and owing half their wages or more for quarters, and if they go away and their debts not paid, many of the townspeople will be undone; scarce knows 10 men in the yard but are in great necessity, and never were the workmen in ship yards put off, without their pay except upon ticket. Proposes that half be paid off, and the others continued till they can pay them. If money be not appointed in a few days, begs that command may be given by his grace the Duke of Albemarle to the soldiers, to keep the peace of the town, as a meeting is feared. One of the fire-ships' men affronted the master attendant, who put him into the bilboes, but all the rest would work no more till the delinquent was set free; has put him out of diet and wages. Six more of the fire-ships are discharged, and the men victualled on board the West Friesland till their pay is ordered. Hopes it will give no offence, being an ease of charge. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]
- Sept. 14. Harwich. 23. Comr. John Taylor to the Navy Comrs. Complains of difficulties in payment of 2,100*l.* for building the new ships, though done with exceeding frugality. Has advanced 300*l.* of his own for it, and cares not if he were tried by his enemies about it; if any of the 1,100*l.* advanced were paid for anything but the ship, it was by their orders. In disbursing 2,100*l.* impressed upon him, never gained 1*s.* himself, but contracted a great deal of trouble and charge. Begs justice from the Board to cause the account to pass, or show what

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1667. must be altered to effect it. Another 1,100*l.* imprest bill lies in Thos. Wilson's hands, and 125*l.* is wanting to satisfy men who are yet unpaid. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 pages.]
- Sept. 14. 24. Abra. Parker to [Pepys.] Sends muster books of several
Kinsale. ships. Has mustered others but can get no perfect books from the pursers. Gives account of his proceedings with regard to the books and mustering. [*Adm. Paper*.]
- Sept. 14. 25. Warrant to Lord Robartes, keeper of the privy seal, to issue
Westminster. a privy seal letter as follows: The King to the Officers of Exchequer and Secretaries of State. Has granted the office of Postmaster General to Lord Arlington for a term of years, all the rents of which office, except 5,382*l.* 10*s.*, are settled on the Duke of York by Act of Parliament. Many letters are ordered to be carried free, but as Lord Arlington should not lose thereby, the two Principal Secretaries of State are to examine all demands made for allowances thereon, and certify the same to the Treasury, which said sums shall be allowed, and tallies given for their payment accordingly.
- Sept. 14. Reference to the Navy Comrs. on the petition of Thos. White, agent at Dover, for his arrears of 922*l.* 8*s.* [*Ent. Book* 18, p. 260.]
- Sept. 14. Reference renewed to the Attorney or Solicitor General on the petition of Sir Edw. Savage for renewal of his former order of reference for making out his title to the wardenship of the Fleet; the King wishing to gratify the petitioner's ancient loyalty and services. [*Ent. Book* 18, p. 260.]
- Sept. 14. The King to the University of Cambridge. Recommends Wm. Wells, M.A., of Queen's College, for his D.D. degree, with the seniority belonging to his standing, without his performing the usual exercises. [*Ent. Book* 19, p. 65.]
- Sept. 14. Commission for — Churchill to be Ensign to the King's own company in Col. Russell's regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, p. 179.]
- Sept. 14. Commission to Peregrin Bertie to be Lieutenant to Lord Hawley. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 20, p. 179.]
- Sept. 14. Privy seal for payment to the privy purse of 448*l.*, being fines for leasing the manor of East Moulsey, co. Surrey, Hampton Ferry; and for fishing in Cobham River. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 549.]
- Sept. 14. 26. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs to permit Arnold Beake, merchant, to import 300 tons of Canary wine, the late proclamation against import of the said wines notwithstanding.
Whitehall.
- [Sept. 14.] 27. Minute of the above.
- Sept. 14. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 249.]
- Sept. 14. 28. John Maurice to Williamson. A small bark of Swansea, laden with coal, was cast away to the westward of Minehead through the great storm, but the men were saved. Wants a copy of the
Minehead.

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1667. articles of peace as soon as printed, to check the false reports of ill-minded people. Nearly a dozen barks have sailed to Ireland and returned since the peace, and suffered little or no loss by the storm.
- Sept. 14. 29. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Desires him to think of
Harwich. his proposals about the packet boats, and not forget Virginia. Laden and light colliers have been sailing to the north and south these two or three days. A Hull man with lead, &c., was cast away upon the Whitaker, but a fisherman saved all the company, and brought them into Harwich.
- Sept. 14. 30. Lord Brouncker to Williamson. Desires his assistance in
Navy Office. procuring Capt. Pett's widow an old ship, for which she has petitioned the King. Asks him to dine with Mat. Wren and himself to-morrow in Bow Street.
- Sept. ? 31. Petition of Frances, widow of Phineas Pett, slain in the Tiger, May 2, 1666, to the King, for gift of one of the old vessels lately sunk at Woolwich. Her husband left her in debt; has 380*l.* due to her on a broad seal of the late King, but would not have troubled His Majesty except for her distress since the death of her husband.
- Sept. ? 32. Petition of Frances Pett to the King. To the same effect.
- Sept. 14. 33. Ensign Peter Hawkins to Lord Arlington. Having received
Searborough Castle. his letter touching prisoners, sends a copy of the warrant of commitment of Colonel Berry, who is the only prisoner in that place.
- Sept. ? 34. Return of prisoners in custody in the Gatehouse, Windsor, or the Tower, for treason, sedition, or being present at unlawful meetings. Endorsed "Delivery of prisoners, 1667." [3 *pages.*]
- Sept. ? 35. Return of the prisoners in several castles, &c., for speaking dangerous words or for treasonable designs, (including John Joplin, Harcastle, a Nonconformist minister, Danvers, *alias* Villiers, &c. [2 *pages.*]
- Sept. 14. 36. Memorandum by Col John Strode, that he has no prisoner at Dover Castle but Mr. Titchborne, who was one of the late King's judges.
- Sept. 14. 37. William Lord Widdrington to Lord Arlington. Has no
Berwick. prisoners of state in his custody, nor ever had any but Titchborne and Henry Martin, who were long since commanded from him; where they are now he knows not.
- Sept. 15. 38. Thomas Holden to James Hickes. A Genoese vessel has arrived
Falmouth. from London, laden with lead, and bound for Genoa, having many passengers for Tangiers; also a French man-of-war with salt to sell in that port. Wants the articles of peace; will return their cost by the next post.
- Sept. 15. 39. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. The barrenness of news is
Portsmouth. the reason of his silence.

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Sept. 15. Berwick. 40. M. Scott to Williamson. Every one there endeavours to advance trade. The Scotch capers and their owners quarrel about sharing what they have got. The lawyers will get money by their contentions.
- Sept. 15. The Gift, Milford Harbour. 41. Capt. J. Fletcher to the Navy Comrs. Came in there from Bristol on the 13th, and desires their commands. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 15. 42. M. Wren [secretary to the Duke of York], to the Navy Comrs. Desires them to victual the Reserve, which is appointed to fetch Sir Robert Southwell from Lisbon, about the 1st of October, and give notice to any merchants bound that way that she has directions to convoy them. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 16. The Harp, Bristol. 43. Capt. Robert Hooper to the Navy Comrs. Shall be ready to sail the end of the week. Will obey the orders of the Duke of Ormond, and return to Dublin unless they contradict. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 16. Woolwich. 44. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comrs. Has received with the rest of the officers, their letter, grounded upon one from his Royal Highness and some of the Lords of the Council, exciting them to lend money for paying off the fleet, upon the security of the 11 months' tax, which security and interest none can except against. Would be ready to do so, but is likely to lose 500*l.* and odd of Navy debts, for timber served to Deptford and Woolwich in 1658 and 1659, by long waiting for his salary, and by illness, which has cost him 60*l.* His salary is so mean that, if duly paid, it will scarcely find his family in meat and drink. In the 20 years he has served in that place, has been forced to spend part of the small fortune he had with his wife, to maintain 11 children, and is some score pounds in debt, begotten neither by ill husbandry nor high living. [*Damaged. Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 16. Woolwich. 45. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comrs. Asks for a supply of deals for the Monmouth, those received from Deptford not being sufficient; also for timber, tar, and treenails from Mr. Hulbert of Horsleydown, and some elm from Mr. Abbott, as soon as money is got. Purposes to launch the Ruby next spring tide, and to bring in the Monmouth in her room. [*Damaged. Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 16. 46. Bill of lading for 69 casks of pitch and rosin shipped at King Road near Bristol, on board the John of Hastings, Thos. Hide master, by John Knight, jun., for Portsmouth. Bristol, June 1, 1667. Endorsed with a note by Comr. Middleton, that in consideration of their being transported forward to London, he has agreed with the master for 10*s.* per ton more than is expressed in the bill. 16 Sept. 1667. [*Printed form, filled up. Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 16. 47. Viscount Mordaunt to Lord [Arlington]. The prisoners in the castle are all strangers to him, so can say nothing of them, but by common fame. Only desires to be rid of them, especially the

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late King's judges, who have had much resort to them lately
Encloes,

47. 1. *Names of six prisoners remaining in Windsor Castle, viz., Abraham Holmes, John Mason, Wm. Luddington, Wm. Heveningham, Hen. Martin, and Capt. Hand, with particulars of the dates and causes of their commitment.*
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Edenhall.

48. Sir Philip Musgrave to [Williamson]. Had a command from Lord Arlington to send up copies of the orders by which any prisoner in Carlisle garrison stood committed; but there being only one order, which is at Carlisle, cannot send it; it is a general order from the Duke of Albemarle, for the safe keeping of Elton, a lieutenant in the time of the Usurpation, to Mason, who was lately rescued in Yorkshire. Elton is an Anabaptist, a stubborn, ill-principled man, with nothing to maintain himself; therefore wishes him a quick remove.

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49. J. G. to Samuel Cottington, merchant of London. Has not received anything from him for three weeks. Any failure on his own part has not resulted from neglect, and therefore desires he will let him know what he has to trust to. [*Endorsed by Williamson, Sept. 16.*]

Sept. 16.
Swansea.

50. John Man to Williamson. All is quiet and peaceable there.

Sept. 16.
Reading.

51. Ann Pocock to Williamson. Reminds him of his promise to put her brother Hauker in some employment; it will be doing her sister a great kindness.

Sept. 16.
Truro.

52. Hugh Acland to Williamson. A Dutchman, arrived by a small vessel from Bourdeaux, says that before they left there two months since, they had certain news of Sir John Harman being at St. Christopher, with seven men-of-war and one fire-ship; that he had an encounter with 20 French men-of-war and merchantmen, of which he took and burnt 17, and that the other three escaped; but that he sent after and blew them up, and then went to meet some other vessels which were to join with him, and fall upon the Island of St. Christopher, which he believes is reduced to the English before this.

Sept. 16.
West Cowes.

53. John Lysle to Williamson. The John of London has arrived from Gambia, in Africa, laden with reed, wood, wax, and elephants' teeth for the Royal Company; she reports that two Dutch ships fired our factory of Seriloe, in the Island of Tasso, but were beaten off by our forces with considerable loss, and that the company's negroes in the Island in Gambia rebelled against their English masters, and possessed themselves of the island, but were defeated; that in this rebellion, 31 or 32 English were slain, and about 40 negroes, the rest of whom ran away. If it had not been for this rebellion, the ship would have been home long since.

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- Sept. 16. 54. Wm. Jenvey to Williamson. The Yarmouth and Drake
Deal. frigates, with several other ships named, are riding in the Downs,
 some bound for New England and other places. The *Enden* has
 come in, having bilged herself upon her own anchor. Some other
 ships are there, bound for France.
- Sept. 17. 55. Dr. Michael Honeywood, dean, and the Chapter of Lincoln, to the
Chapter House, King. Acknowledge receipt of his congé d'élire of Sept. 4, quoted,
Lincoln. granting them leave to elect a bishop to the see, void by promotion
 of Benj. Laney to the bishopric of Ely; also his letter recommending
 Dr. Wm. Fuller, Bishop of Limerick, as bishop; signify their election
 of the said bishop. [*Latin.*]
- Sept. 17. 56. Rich. Forster to James Hickes. Hears that Mr. Swan is
Newcastle. settled in his employment, hut he must order his business better, as
 there are many complaints of his servants. Ships are continually
 coming in and going out, and there are upwards of 100 in the
 harbour.
- Sept. 17. 57. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. One hundred or more
Harwich. colliers have turned into Harwich water, from fear of a storm, and
 dare not stir without very fair weather, they having out of their
 greediness so overloaded their ships.
- Sept. 17. 58. Ben. Francis to Williamson. Perceives by the last Gazette
Sunderland. that he has been informed of a great fleet of small ships being there.
 There are not above 30 sail in the harbour, and three small French
 sloops, which have come to load coals.
- Sept. 17. 59. Dr. Wm. Allestree to Williamson. Could he believe the
Dover. success of his future travels would only be answerable to the unfor-
 tunateness of their beginning, should desist from further progress, and
 now that he is forced into England, content himself with the hap-
 piness of the country rather than, with danger and trouble, seek
 misery abroad. From the beginning of his journey, has been ent-
 tained with nothing hut misfortunes and disturbance, and at last
 has been driven in there by violent storms; notwithstanding is
 resolved to prosecute his intentions, and with the first fair wind go
 on for France, from whence he will inform him where he is.
- Sept. 17. 60. Sir John Wyrley and J. Vernon to Lord Keeper Bridgeman.
Walsall. There are several conjectures as to the number of persons who were
 assembled [see Sept. 13.] Some came as lookers on; some as delighted
 with novelty; some as conventiclers: these last were disappointed,
 expecting a different opinion and discourse to that they had. Cannot
 discover any inclination towards disturbance, though the preacher's
 rambling discourse savoured of it, and may draw a suspicion that
 many more were of his mind. Will acquaint Lord Windsor with
 their proceedings. *Enclose,*
60. 1. Examination of Rob. Girdler, senr. and jun., of Wm.
Ebb, and two others, of Walsall, and of Rich. Fisher, sen.
 and jun., and Hen. Free, sen. and jun., of West Bromwich.

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They were at Oldbury Chapel, Shropshire, September 1st, in the afternoon, the assembly being variously stated at from 300 to 1,000, some of whom stood outside, the chapel being so full. The preacher, supposed to be one Worden, preached from "Thy kingdom come," exhorting the saints to pray for the coming of Christ in glory, to reward all working and suffering saints. Lord Windsor's soldiers came and attempted to take him, but he slipped away and escaped among the crowd. He passed through Birmingham the beginning of the next week, and said that he was ordained by a bishop, and preached on his authority. [3½ pages.] Sept. 14, 15, and 17, 1667.

Sept. 17. 61. Sir John Wolstenholme and Sir John Shaw to the Council. Have considered the dispensations of the Act of Navigation, and send their queries thereon. *Annexing,*

61. i. *Extract from the Act of Navigation, ordering the goods of Asia, Africa, and America to be imported from the place of growth or manufacture, in English ships only, except the productions of Russia or Turkey, which may be imported in their own ships as well; also from the Act for prevention of frauds, ordering no wines but Rhenish, and no spices, tobacco, pitch, tar, timber, &c., to be imported from the Netherlands or Germany. With account of partial dispensations therefrom, granted March 22 and October 25, 1665, and observations and queries thereon, which are replied to in marginal notes. [2 pages.]*

Sept. 17. 62. John Brooke to the Navy Comrs. Knows not anything that
Chatham. the pilots can allege to clear themselves, as both have taken charge of many of the best ships in the Navy. Thinks it a slighting of the service if pilots cannot be found for ships. One of these, Robert Samson of Stroud, went for Newcastle on the 15th, and Thomas Streaton the other remains at home. The James and London went out on Sunday last, and the Golden Hand came in. They have got up the major part of the chain moorings, and work daily, as weather and the small number of men will permit. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 17. 63. Peter Crucifix to the Navy Comrs. As there is peace
Dieppe. between France and England, desires to continue trading with them as before the war. Has sold them cable yarn, and on their stating their price, will send a sample of eight tons, if there be but a very small profit. Got nothing by what he sold them for 36s. per cwt., and it is dearer now. Will deliver it to Mr. White at Dover or at London, clear of all charges, as heretofore. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 17. 64. Hugh Salesbury to Sir Wm. Batten. Has been elected mayor
Portsmouth. for the ensuing year by the corporation, although he has been very sick with a fever, and has endeavoured to prevent it. Asks directions, his employment forbidding that office. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Sept. 17. 65. Certificate by Jno. Cox, J. Uthwat, and Jonas Shish, that William Williamson, late commander of one of the smacks attending Sir Edward Spragg's fleet, is a fit person to command a galliot hoy [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 17.
Harwich. 66. Comr. John Taylor to the Navy Comrs. Desires nothing done to the storekeeper's detriment. Knows not what they have done, but he is now such a man as he would have had him, if it will continue. Spoke with the commanders and men of the fire-ships, as to the proposal for their payment, and they are unanimous to have the money at Harwich, as it will cost half coming in and going for it, and they are all volunteers dwelling about there. Has required the clerk of the cheque to perfect the books, and transmit the total of each ship, but they are both in the dark as to six particulars mentioned. Will send the books for 13 ships by the next post; they will amount to 1,200*l.*, whereof 200*l.* has been paid by advance. It would be a great advantage to pay off one half of the yard, and discharge them when they pay off the fire-ships. Is almost out of employment for them, and the townspeople tremble to hear of ticketing the men. Several of them have entered the colliers, thus saving the King their victuals, and left letters of attorney for their wages. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]
- Sept. 17.
Harwich. 67. Certificate by Comr. John Taylor, Ant. Deane, and John Gregory, that the Blessing of Harwich was hired and fitted for a fire-ship June 15, and was discharged Sept. 8. With note that a bill was passed for 1,568*l.* [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 17. 68. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Sends a document just come to hand. If they make right use of it for checking the books of the ships therein mentioned on their return, it will prove a great husbandry of treasure. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 17.
Broad Street. 69. Sir Wm. Penn to Sam. Pepys. Asks for the heads of the orders for paying off ships, to refresh his memory. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 17.
Broad Street. 70. Sir Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. Asks for directions concerning the West Friesland, or she will not be paid. A lieutenant and other officers are not allowed in the fire or guard ships, and her men exceed not 22. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 18.
Yarmouth. 71. James Johnson to the Navy Comrs. They gave him a bill of imprest for 500*l.*, more than nine months since, for disbursements for stores delivered at Harwich; has 676*l.* owing for pitch and tar, and the total amount 1,193*l.* 16*s.*; hopes they will put him in the way to receive satisfaction, having disbursed more than the 500*l.* since December last. The peace has restored commerce with Holland. The gentlemen of whom he bought the cordage for them will furnish any quantity, at the former price of 39*s.* 6*d.* per cwt. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 18.
Chatham. 72. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Comrs. As the master calker has more men than he can employ, all the pressed calkers and their servants can be spared. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Sept. 18. Chatham Dock. 73. Ph. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Can spare all the pressed calkers. It will be necessary to discharge the pressed shipwrights, unless there is a supply of stores for carrying on the works of the new ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 18. Wapping. 74. William Wood to the Navy Comrs. Asks that the Cat fire-ship may be brought thither, as the means of his gaining his rights. She was taken from him in May 1666, and carried into Holland, and coming back from Norway, was retaken and made into a fire-ship; she is now to be sold in Ireland. Richard Boyle has a ship restored to him for salvage, which was retaken lately when the Dutch were in the Hope. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 18. Warrant to the Master of the Wardrobe, for half-yearly livery of 23*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.*, to Rich Stevens, page of the bedchamber to the Queen, in place of John Carleton, deceased. [*Docquet.*]
- [Sept. 18.] Similar docquet, not duplicate. [*Docquet.*]
- Sept. 18. Bristol. 75. Ja. Baskerville to James Hickee. The city is healthful and peaceable. The late proceedings of His Majesty and Council against Popery have purchased a greater security from those prejudicial in their principles to his government, which is a kindness more than common from that sort of people.
- Sept. 18. 76. James Hickee to — Johnson. Directed the packet to James Baskerville, his correspondent in Bristol, who has not had above two letters, though ordered to be written to every post, and to have the Gazettes sent.
- Sept. 18. Yarmouth. 77. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Sixty or seventy sail of colliers have passed through for London, and every day some turn up with the flood tides, and so ply the coal trade that within five or six weeks, coals will be a drug. The Dutch scoots which formerly brought in their fresh herrings, and came over for that purpose, are prohibited by the Act for Irish cattle, which they concluded was made void by the articles of peace. At present they sell their herrings to the Dutch yagers that came out with them, as our yagers do from this coast to London. The weather being bad at sea, two of the yagers came into the haven, with several of their scoots of which they bought their herrings; but in delivering of them, Peter Barrett, searcher for the customs, seized all the vessels and fish, made sale of the latter, and detained the former. Upon this the Dutch had a meeting, and hearing of a Dutch ambassador come to London, drew up a writing to make their grievances known to him. The act of the searcher is generally condemned, as well as the prohibition, as being prejudicial to the town. When that Act was sent down to Yarmouth for consideration and amendment, instead of being brought into the Assembly, it was privately kept by those to whom it was sent, and then returned and passed. By the late changing of officers, the people take upon themselves to condemn all about Court except the Duke of Albemarle, about whom they inquire much, and if they hear nothing of him, think it is not well with him. They

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flatter themselves with strange things to be done by the Parliament at their sitting. Prays that God will unite their hearts to their sovereign, that the expectations of the wicked may be frustrated, and some course taken for bridling the tongues of the multitude, who put the worst construction on all they understand not. [1½ pages.]

Sept. 18. 78. Jo. Powell to Williamson. The Gift frigate, Capt. Fletcher
Pembroke. commander, has arrived.

Sept. 18. 79. John Powell to James Hicke. To the same effect as the
Pembroke. preceding.

Sept. ? 80, 81. Account of the difference between Lord Gerard and Sir
Stephen Fox, relative to the distribution of 2,291*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.*, part
of the money for paying the guard. Two papers.

Sept. 18. 82. Order in Council—on the dispute between Lord Gerard, captain
Whitehall. of the Horse Guards, and Sir Stephen Fox, Paymaster of the Forces, about 2,291*l.* 16*s.* received by Wm. Carr,—that the case be referred to a trial in the Exchequer by a special jury, or *hy nisi prius* in a feigned action; meanwhile that Lord Gerard and Sir Stephen jointly provide the sum, to be put into Sir Stephen's hand for the use of the said troop, as was formerly done; the payment to be made in presence of Sir Stephen, and what remains after payment of the troop from May 11 to Aug. 3, 1667, to be equally divided between them. Also that within seven days from payment of the troop, each deposit a moiety of what is paid, or security therefor, in the hands of the Lord Privy Seal, who will pay the money or deliver the security, as the verdict shall go; Baron Turner to settle any further differences. [1½ pages.]

Sept. 19. 83. Sir Phil. Musgrave to Lord Arlington. Has sent a copy of
Carlisle. the Lord General's order for securing Elton, the only prisoner in that garrison. Thanks for his speedy signification of His Majesty's pleasure that he attend the meeting of Parliament, which he will make all possible haste to do.

Sept. 19. Warrant from Lord Arlington to Sir George Carteret to prepare
Whitehall. the accounts of the Navy for examination, from the beginning of the war to the present time, that when called for, they may be found complete, and void of exception. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 550.*]

Sept. 19. Like warrant to Lord Ashley, for money raised from prizes since
the beginning of the war. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 550.*]

Sept. 19. Like warrant to the Commissioners of the Ordnance Office.
Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 550.*]

Sept. 19. Like warrant to Sir Stephen Fox, for the accounts of the militia
tax in three several years, consigned to him by the King's orders.
Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 550.*]

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Sept. 19. Like warrant to the Treasury Comrs. for accounts of moneys raised on the 24,000,00*l*. and 1,250,000*l*., the poll bill and 11 months' tax, assigned for carrying on the war. Minnte. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 550.]

Sept. 19? 84. Account of moneys issued from the King's own treasure towards the expense of the war, chiefly in preparations, before Sept. 1664; total, 1,620,636*l*., to which should be added 600,000*l*. loss by the sinking of the revenue during the war, 800,000*l*. expense in stores, preparatory to it, and 1,100,000*l*. Navy debt at the end of the war. [*2½ pages.*]

Sept. 19. The King to the Governor and Company of the New River.
Whitehall. Requests them to appoint John Green, who married the eldest daughter of Sir Wm. Myddleton, late Governor of the company, and son of Sir Hugh Myddleton, chief actor in that great work, to the office of clerk of the company, void by the death of Geo. Hardwick, he having been serviceable in several works wherein he has been employed by the company. [*Ent. Book* 25, p. 31.]

Sept. 19. The King to the Master and Fellows of Queen's College, Cam-
Whitehall. bridge. The majority of them having petitioned for a royal command to admit Dr. Wm. Wells, archdeacon of Colchester, as master of the said college, in order to avoid great disturbance which is feared from an election according to statute, requests their admission of Dr. Wells accordingly. [*Ent. Book* 27, p. 126.]

Sept. ? 85. Petition of the Inhabitants of Little Yarmouth to the King, for letters patent to incorporate them with Great Yarmouth, according to a proviso in the late Act of Parliament.

Sept. 19. 86. Declaration by the Bailiffs, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Great Yarmouth, of their consent that Little Yarmouth shall be united to their corporation, according to Act of Parliament of 1664, which contains a proviso of avoidance, unless Little Yarmouth takes out a patent of incorporation at its own cost, within six months of the consent of Great Yarmouth signified thereto. Also appointment of Hen. Colman, Bernard Melling, and Thos. Godfrey to give notice of the said consent to the inhabitants of Little Yarmouth.

Sept. 19. 87. John Man to Williamson. Has nothing to impart.
Swansea.

Sept. 19. 88. A. Ellis to Williamson. Sends letters which came by the
Letter Office. Dover mail, under cover from Capt. Jemmett. The Flanders mail landing at Margate, they were sent to Jemmett at Dover, so that they have lost much time by their address.

Sept. 19. 89. Capt. Chr. Musgrave to Williamson. Orders are received for
Carlisle. disbanding his own and Sir Edward Musgrave's companies, and supplying their places out of his Royal Highness's or Col. Sydney's regiments, which will be done next week. Thinks time lost that is not spent in the King's service. Trusts when an employment offers, he will intercede with His Majesty for him, a poor younger brother.

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1667. Report says the Catholics are to be reduced, which if true, may occasion some alteration in those two regiments. Intends to wait on him at the Parliament.
- Sept. 19. 90. Sir Philip Musgrave to [Williamson]. The disbanding of Sir
Carlisle. Edward Musgrave's and his son Chit's companies may probably retard him a few days from attendance at the meeting of Parliament; shall hasten with what speed His Majesty's affairs in the garrison will allow. Requests his influence if Capt. Wharton solicits a commission for Mr. Hawling to be chief gunner.
- Sept. 19. 91. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Dutch packet boat has
Harwich. arrived from Holland, having Lady Arlington's brother aboard, also another from the Brill with several French gentlemen, who went for London. The colliers are yet there, expecting a fair wind to carry them into the Thames.
- Sept. 19. 92. James Whiston to Sam. Pepys. Desires his fiat, unless he
Mr. Marlow's. intends his total ruin. Has twice petitioned for release and audience, or dispatch of his accounts. Is rendered incapable of employment, beside the great charge of his confinement and loss of time. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 19. 93. Thos. Harper to the Navy Comrs. Gives an account of stores
Deptford. delivered to six merchant ships, and three hired smacks named. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*
93. I, II. *Notes of ships, and their masters, ready rigged and ballasted, with the places where they lie, their entry, number of men, &c.*
- Sept. 19. 94. John Gregory to the Navy Comrs. Has made an account
Harwich. of the charge of each fire-ship and ship sunk, according to the books given by the commanders. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*
94. I. *Account of wages due to men belonging to 13 fire-ships and several sunk ships, between 13th June and 22nd September 1667, amounting to 1,227l. 14s. 4½d.*
- Sept. 19. 95. Capt. Robert Clark to the Navy Comrs. Neither boy nor
lighter has yet come down to take out the provisions of the Monmouth, to lighten her for going into the dock; shall lose the spring tide for want of them, if they do not come down to-day. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 20. 96. Ja. Norman, Clerk of the Survey, to the Navy Comrs. Mr.
Chatham. Holt died this morning. Asks for his vacant situation as store-keeper of Chatham. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 20. 97. M. Wren to the Navy Comrs. Wants them to give direc-
tions for supplying the Portland with provisions. Has stayed the Roe Kitchen till to-morrow, because she is promised to the gentleman who takes care of the Queen-Mother's goods; shall know by

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that time whether he be satisfied with her, or desire some other.
[Adm. Paper.] *Encloses,*

97. 1. *Sir Thos. Teddeman to Matthew Wren. Asks him to ascertain from the Navy Comrs. how he shall dispose of the fire-ships and their men, having written twice but received no answer.*
Dover, Sept. 18, 1667.

Sept. 20. 98. John Clarke to Williamson. The Morlaix, St. Malo, and Plymouth. other ships wait for a fair wind. The Sorlings has come in from cruising abroad.

Sept. 20. 99. John Clarke to James Hickey. To the same effect.

Sept. 20. 100. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The wind keeping south, Newcastle. ships come in every tide; there are now 150 ready laden, which will sail with the first fair wind.

Sept. 20. 101. Memorandum that Sir Thomas Clifford is to move Lord Arlington to write to Mr. Glanville to come over; also to ask Lord Arlington and Mr. Williamson for the paper signed by Sir Robt. Paston, that he would surrender his wood patent, if demanded by the King.

Sept. 20. 102. Wm. Gorsuch to [Williamson]. Begs, if Lord Arlington should not like his proposition of being cornet to Sir Edward Brett, that he will inform him that his brother, Capt. Bennet's, colours are void by the death of his ensign.

Sept. 20. 103. "Advices received," being notes from letters all calendared above.

Sept. 20. 104. John Powell to Williamson. The Richmond and Gift frigates Pembroke. are in harbour.

Sept. 20. 105. John Powell to James Hickey. To the same effect. Desires Pembroke. he will direct his letters to him instead of to Mr. Malory, as some difference arises with regard to the opening of them.

Sept. 20. 106. William Lord Crofts to Williamson. Thanks for sending Saxham. him the news; he cannot oblige one more grateful.

Sept. 20. 107. Jos. Hinton to Lord Arlington. Desires him to return a warrant signed by the King, and directed to Sir George Carteret, for payment of money due to Mr. Wakelin and others, for goods delivered by them for the Navy, about the Restoration, which warrant the writer delivered to his lordship in 1663.

Sept. 20. 108. Wm. Jenvey to Williamson. The Portsmouth and Drake Deal. frigate, with their convoy and several other vessels, have sailed for France; five ships only remain, one of which is bound for New England.

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Sept. 20. 109. Sir Jo. Reresby to Lord Arlington. Sends an account of
York. prisoners of state in York Castle, with their charges, the date of
their commitment, &c. Also, of the commitment of one Wilson, the
only prisoner of state confined in Clifford's Tower.
- Sept. 20. 110. Henry Guise to Lord Arlington. There are no prisoners
Chepstow. in that castle, nor any committed of late, except such Dutch
Castle. prisoners of war as were sent from Bristol, who are all set at
liberty.
- Sept. 21. 111. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. Several persons coming
Lyme. from the creek westward say they heard many great guns at sea.
A number of vessels have put to sea from that port, after the long
time of wind and stormy weather.
- Sept. 21. 112. C. Sawtell to Edm. Sawtell. The Dorothy has gone into
Weymouth. the road ready to sail for Malaga, and many others are fitting for
their voyages. The two colliers that came had a very quick market,
and are nearly ready to sail again. Saw two vessels under sail put out
of the harbour's mouth, and found the customs' officers hastening out
in their boat after them; some say they are bound for France.
- Sept. 21. 113. John Bower to James Hickes. They are reducing the gar-
Bridlington. rison, and are ordered to send the guns and ammunition in that
complete and well-finished fort to London. The Francis frigate of
16 guns is come to cruise on that coast.
- Sept. 21. 114. Jas. Baskerville to Williamson. Has delivered the packet for
Bristol. Lord Willoughby to Mr. Rodney, the merchant and super cargo of
the Robert of Bristol, bound for that port. Is much honoured with
a correspondence from him, which he will continue, though occur-
rences are very insignificant, Bristol being blest with quiet and
industry, the old ungracious discourses almost forgotten, and a
visible concurrence of all parties to an active submission to the
government.
- Sept. 21. Royal assent for Dr. Wm. Fuller, late bishop of Limerick, to be
bishop of Lincoln. Minute. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 65.*]
- Sept. 21. Commissions for Roger Vaughan to be captain of a company, late
— Legg's, in the Admiral's regiment, — Wise his lieutenant,
and — Vincent his ensign. Minutes. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 179.*]
- Sept. 21. Privy seal for the King's free gift to the churchwardens of
St. Margaret's, Westminster, for relief of the poor. Minute. [*Ent.
Book 23, p. 551.*]
- Sept. 21. 115. Wm. Howarth to Thomas Turner, Navy Office. The Mon-
Woolwich. mouth coming into dock to be sheathed, asks for a supply of tar,
there being none in store. [*Damaged. Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 22. 116. John Trontbeck to the Navy Comrs. Received orders to
Lincoln. refund 80*l*, overpaid him by the Treasurer of the Navy. The

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money was in Mr. Marshall's hands seven months, but not being called for, took it out. Stayed at the Cockpit till 4 September last, and hearing nothing from them, used it in his other concerns, believing he should be in town again ere they had found his misplaced hills. Asks for two months' forbearance, when he will come to London with it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 22.
Kinsale.

117. Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. Sends 24 muster books for ships named, most of which are poll books, some pursers being absent. Will transmit the rest by the first opportunity [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 22.
Victory prize,
Plymouth.

118. Thos. Scott to the Navy Comrs. Received orders from Sir Jer. Smith to cruise with the Garland west of Cape Clear. Was detained by contrary winds, and lost his mainmast, but saved the rigging and sails. Was driven with the Garland into the Channel, and landing in Torbay, found orders to repair to Plymouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 22.
Plymouth.

119. John Clarke to Williamson. The Garland and Victory have come in through foul weather; also the Ann from Kinsale, which reports that Sir Roht. Holmes, having convoyed the Zante fleet into Kinsale, is gone up the Channel with his squadron. Sir Jeremiah Smith, with his squadron, prizes, and convoys, intends suddenly for those parts.

Sept. 22.
Yarmouth.

120. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The laden colliers, with the men-of-war, have set sail for the Thames. Three Yarmouth vessels have arrived from Rotterdam with merchants' goods. They say the Dutch are overjoyed at the peace, and made very much of them there. It is feared that the States, upon the complaint of the scots, may prohibit the bringing in of red herrings, which will prove very prejudicial to the town, that being the only market for the dear ones, and where they put off 15,000 or 16,000 barrels yearly.

Sept. 22.
Berwick.

121. M. Scott to Williamson. Two companies of the garrison have been reduced, and six score men out of the five remaining companies.

Sept. 22.
Portsmouth.

122. Sir Ph. Honeywood to Williamson. Sends copies of the warrants of commitment of Vavasor Powell and Edward Bagshaw, prisoners in Southsea Castle. Colonel Rich was released three years since, and gave his parole to the Earl of Falmouth, who took security from him in London. The Paradox frigate has gone to Guernsey, with the money allotted to those islands.

Sept. 23.
Chester Castle.

123. Sir Geoffrey Shakerley to Lord Arlington. Has only two prisoners of state in his charge, viz, Samuel Bonell, sometime a major against his late Majesty, committed two years since, by order of the deputy lieutenants of the county; they had orders at the time, from the King and Council to secure all disaffected and suspected persons. The other prisoner, Thomas Hardcastle, a Nonconformist minister, was sent there by Sir Francis Cogh, then high sheriff of

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Yorkshire, by order of His Majesty, a copy of which order, as also of Sir F. Cobb's letter, he sends. Was in Lancashire hurrying his mother, or would have replied by the last post.

Sept. 23.
Chester Castle.

124. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. Has been in Lancashire and the further part of Cheshire, at the burial of his mother, and of the late sheriff of Shropshire, Williamson's old pupil. Had the company of Sir Roger Bradshaigh, who often remembered him. Complains of the non-arrival of his newspaper.

Sept. 23.
Weymouth.

125. C. [Sawtell] to Edm. Sawtell. Sir Roger Cuttance, one of the ancient aldermen, and who has been mayor before, has again been chosen mayor for Weymouth and Melcomb Regis. The Dorothy, of 130 tons, has sailed for Malaga.

Sept. 23.
Bristol.

126. Jo. Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. A vessel from Barbadoes reports that the merchant ships, returned from the Leeward Islands, are taking in their goods in order to coming home, and that the English suffered some loss in an attempt at St. Christopher, but intended to make a second. Many ships have cleared that are bound for the plantations, Lisbon, and the Straits, and will sail the first fair wind. Last night was the most long and violent tempest of thunder and rain ever known, which would have been fatal to the city had not providence prevented it, for in Hungerford, where 20 or 30 ships fully laden lay huddled together, the lightning fired the rigging of the Resolution, one of the middlemost, and the rest would have fired if the Custom House tidesman on watch had not espied it; by the dexterity of the seamen in carrying up water, and the abundance of rain, it was happily quenched. [1½ pages.]

Sept. 23.
Carlisle.

127. Capt. Chris. Musgrave to Williamson. What before was only report, his last intelligence declares to be resolved, that all Catholic officers shall be displaced; the tender care His Majesty has for the new levies gives hopes that those who are almost grown old in the service will not be forgotten, unless they have incurred his displeasure, but allowed to render further service; this can only be through his goodness and generosity. Intended to have come with his father to the Parliament, but this change will retard it.

Sept. 23.
Truro.

128. Hugh Acland to Williamson. Four or five Dutch ships arrived at Falmouth, bound for France, and one for the West Indies, with the articles of peace, and proclamations to all the plantations in America.

Sept. 23.
Swansea.

129. John Man to Williamson. The Delight of Barnstaple arrived from Barbadoes with sugar for Bristol; the master says the fleet will not be permitted to come away from there until they hear from Sir John Harman, who is at the Leeward Islands. He confirms the destruction of the French ships by Sir John Harman; he says the loss our men had in the attempt upon St. Kitts was 800, including landsmen and seamen, occasioned by their attempting to land on a part of the island too well provided to receive them.

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Falmouth.

130. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Arrival and departure of ships. Major Collings's company, in Pendennis Castle, is to be disbanded, and 40 out of Capt. Bellett's, so that there will be only 60 left of the old company. It is reported that two companies are coming down from London to do duty in garrison, in lieu of those put out of pay.

Sept. 23.
Letter Office,
London.

131. James Hickes to Williamson. Would see him oftener, but some above are jealous of his coming, and his pain and weakness prevent; will wait upon him and his lordship shortly, and if no more kindness is shown him for services done, shall take his leave, and rest upon God. Is hardly dealt with, as whatever care and pains be taken, it contributes not a candle, nor a cup of beer, as formerly granted, and the taking away of these poor petty things is the present reward for the most considerable and advantageous services done. Writes all this to him, as being the only person to whom he can unbosom himself.

Sept. 23.

132. Nath. Herne to Williamson. Desires to clear a ship and her goods sold in Ireland the second time for 16,400*l.*, as they are worth double the value; if it will tend to facilitate the clearing, can prevail upon this man to petition the King about the injury done to him at the sale, and to pray for right. *Encloses,*

132. I. *Sir John Frederick to Nathaniel Herne. Has already sent him a large account of the sale of the ship and goods at Galway. Petitioned the Duke [of Ormond] and Council at Kilkenny, but could only obtain an order requiring the Commissioners that sold, and him that received the ship and goods, to appear before the Council, and answer the complaint; there the business rests. Since then, has seen several merchants, who were at Galway at the sale, and having intelligence of great quantities of goods embezzled, have applied to the Duke and Council for them, and offered considerable sums for what they could discover, if they might have a commission to seize; this not being granted, some of them offered to discover the fraud used in the sale, and have made it appear that John Stepney, one of the Farmers of Customs, and the quorum of the three Commissioners, employed Lewis Desmanier to buy the ship and goods for himself. Stepney treated with three of the merchants before the sale, and offered them money to desist from buying; they got amongst them 750*l.* to relinquish their design. This being made known, and that the ship and goods were of far greater value, the Commissioners annulled all former sales, and exposed the same to a new one, upon which 16,400*l.* was offered by some that desired the writer to join with them; refused this, resolving not to relinquish his right to the ship, but to prosecute it by all the lawful means he had. [Extract, 1½ pages.]*

Dublin, 14 Sept. 1667.

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Sept. 23. 133. Sir John Bennet to Lord Arlington. Is glad to hear of his
Monday. amendment. Has had a great roguery put upon him by the return-
ing of the Dover letters, sent on Saturday night; the fault must lie
between Edward Whetston, deputy postmaster of Canterbury, and
Warham Jemmett, jun., of Dover. Desires he will send a messenger
for them, to answer the fault, which is very prejudicial to the office.
- Sept. 23. 134. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. A vessel from Flushing
Lyme. reports that they talk there of a war with France; that the mer-
chants will not venture thither without being insured; that the
Dutch are daily sending forces to secure their frontiers; that many
capers are already out, and more fitting as Ostenders, and that the
Spaniard courts them highly, with the offer of Antwerp.
- Sept. 23? 135. Estimate of the charge of a troop of horse consisting of 60
men and officers, amounting to 10*l.* 8*s.* a day; with note that the
charge of 50 men added to the guard at 4*s.* a day will be 10*l.*
- Sept. 23. 136. Sir John Knight to the Navy Comrs. Set up a copy of their
Bristol. order for the sale of ships at Kinsale on 15 Oct. in several public
places of the city. The owners of the Pearl frigate, to whom 900*l.*
is due for freight, desire letters of credit if they should buy any of
the said ships. They would have sold better if the sale had been
at Bristol, and duplicates of the inventories and appraisements had
been sent him. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 23. 137. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. Desires they will assist
Capt. Gunman in obtaining an assignment of part of the 30,000*l.*
set apart for paying commanders, for his pay due in the Orange, by
which means he will receive 6*l.* per cent. for his money.
- Sept. 23. 138. Ja. Norman, clerk of the survey, to Sir Wm. Batten. That
Chatham. harbour has always been miserably infested with thieves and
pilfering rogues, and their trade has grown to that perfection that
they know how to have returns for the most inconsiderable things
they steal. Cannot find any great losses at once, yet the frequent
pilfering of petty things arises to something in a year, and a rope
cannot lie in the river but it is either shortened or taken away.
Has taken some of these fellows, whose punishment may deter
others. A new cable belonging to the Dolphin fire-ship was part
cut off, and sold by her own men who ran away; found it with
some old cordage aboard Anthony Downing's smack, the Chatham;
he said his boy bought it and gave it to his shipmaster, Thos.
Howell; took it and also took his foresail, so as to know where to
find his vessel. Secured another fellow aboard, and found a good
quantity of twice-laid ropes, &c., taken out of the Vanguard, and
stolen by two Lambeth men that lay bobbing for eels, and put aboard
the hoy to be carried to London; took all ashore, and the man is
coming to London to petition the Board about it. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 24. 139. Ja. Norman to Sir Wm. Batten. Every day brings fresh
Chatham. complaints. One of the Vanguard's furnaces is stolen, and all the
lead and cocks. Desires that her officers may be sent for to the

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Navy Office, to know whether the King should allow them wages and victuals for doing no duty, and whether all losses ought not to be made good out of their wages. Asks that orders may be sent to the mayor and justices of peace of Rochester, to search all the houses in Rochester, Chatham, and Gillingham. Though they find not the furnace, is sure they will not lose their labour, for a great quantity of iron work and other materials have been embezzled out of the wrecks in the river, and secured in private houses. Sends a master for a hawser, lent out of the Unicorn by Capt. Green, to the master of a dogger. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 24. 140. Edw. Sherburne and Jonas Moore to the Navy Comrs.
Ordnance Office. Have written to their agents to survey plank charged to the office, and will return the account.

Sept. 24. 141. Jo. Cox and Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Condition of
Deptford. the Hawk ketch. The Hind, lately trimmed at Chatham, is fit for a voyage without any further charge. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 24. 142. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. Stands in great need
Deptford. of timber. If the carved works on the new ship should be neglected, it would be a double charge when the ship is launched, and then the work cannot be so well done. Mr. Edgell's timber is well worth 50s. a load. [*Adm. Paper.*]

142. I. *William Edgell [to Jonas Shish]. Is willing to serve 40 or 50 loads of elm timber at 50s. per load, on the 11 months' tax. With note that he refused 48s. offered.*

Deptford, Sept. 24, 1667.

Sept. 24. 143. Geo. Taylor to Lord [Brouncker?]. Moved, when last at the office, that Patrick Tyrwit might be sent for to set forth the names of those tickets he bought of Adamson and Palmer, what they came to, and what he paid for them. Robt. Julian has not sent the two tickets promised, and has not yet gone, nor intends to go to his ship, though the limited time is expired. Desires their warrant for him, the sessions, being near. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 24. Presentation of Wm. Batty to the rectory of Hitcham, co. Suffolk,
[*Docquet.*]

Sept. 24. 144. Wm. Jenvey to Williamson. The Drake frigate is riding in
Deal. the Downs, and 40 sail of Hollanders and Hamburgers have arrived, outward bound, as also the John of London, from Genoa.

Sept. 24. 145. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Forty laden colliers, eight of
Newcastle. them great ships, sailed on Saturday; most of those remaining in harbour are great ships.

Sept. 24. 146. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. A packet boat from Brill
Harwich. with several passengers, and another from Sluys report sad apprehensions of the French success. Hopes the great fleet of colliers continually passing has revived the spirits of the city, as they need not sit this winter over a cold fire; rejoices at the resolution against the company of fuellers, who have, with much presumptuousness,

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asserted their privileges upon opportunities, to the great injury of the poor; when coals were 3*l*. per chaldron, if cellars and other conveyances had been searched, stores of coal might have been found.

Sept. 24. 147. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Sickness has been the
Portsmouth. reason of his not writing. Sir Rob. Holmes is come hither from the westward.

Sept. 24. 148. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. Sir Rob. Holmes has
Portsmouth. arrived with his fleet from Kinsale, and eight other ships also. They touched nowhere on their course, and have not brought any prizes, but left some in Ireland.

Sept. 24. 149. Sir John Skelton to Williamson. Forbore writing while Sir
Plymouth fort. Thos. Allin was there, knowing he gave the news, but since he is for London, shall correspond as formerly, and desires in return the weekly news. Asks him to speak to Lord Arlington to procure a warrant for his half year's salary as Commissioner for Prizes, that employment being now ended. Will have a sale there on Saturday, and supposes as soon as the money is paid, Lord Ashley will be calling for it, so requests him to procure the warrant as soon as possible. The *Ann* frigate has come in from the coast of Ireland, but is going for Portsmouth. Sir Robert Holmes, with six sail, was met off the Start, plying up to the eastward.

Sept. 24. 150. John Maurice to Williamson. A small bark, laden with
Minehead. coals from Swansea, was cast away half a mile westward of Minehead, on the 11th instant. The same night the *Blessing* of Swansea is supposed to have been lost, as also the *Mary*, bound for Minehead out of Ireland, laden with wool and cattle, having on board six or seven English mariners, with a Dutch skipper and three Dutch seamen, released out of Cork prison. No news can be heard of them, and there is a great cry amongst the poor seamen's wives and relations, supposing they are all foundered at sea. Two ships are in port, bound for Lisbon and France, with coals, corn, butter, &c.

Sept. 24. 151. John Maurice to James Hiekes. Sends a letter to be for-
Minehead. warded. Notices of the lost vessels. Earnestly longs for a sight of the articles [of peace].

Sept. 24. 152. Capt James Welsh to Williamson. A French shallop arrived
Rye. from France, with nine passengers.

Sept. 25. 153. John Lysle to Williamson. The *St. John* of St. Vallery,
West Cowes. bound for Bourdeaux, says that the French design this winter to keep what they have in Flanders, and the next spring to set on all amain, unless the peace be concluded. The *Samaritan* of Flushing, bound with goods to Kinsale and other places in Ireland, and to load provisions from thence to the Caribbee Islands, informs him that several ships are fitting out from Flushing and parts adjacent, for the same design, some of which are particularly intended for

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Surinam. The Providence of Dublin, laden with hides, tallow, and provisions for Rouen in France, coming from Ireland six months' since, was taken by a French man-of-war, and carried into Brest, but has at last cleared herself, upon a pass from Bruges. Ten men-of-war are at Brest, and the rest at St. Martin's, with Monsieur Beaufort, which are daily expected at Brest, and to lay up the ships.

Sept. 25.
Falmouth.

154. Thos. Holden to Williamson. Two vessels have come in to load with pilchards for the Straits. Also the Mary of Swansea from Barbadoes, laden with sugar, which confirms the success by Sir John Harman. Three small vessels coming from Mount's Bay, with pilchards for this harbour, one of them sprung a leak and sank, but the men were saved. Two vessels, arrived from Morlaix with linen, report that it is generally talked there that the French ships are stopped in Holland, and that there is likely to be an absolute war with Holland. Major Colling's company and 40 out of the governor's company are to be disbanded, and two companies are coming from London in their stead.

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155. Thos Holden to James Hickes. To the same effect.

Sept. 25.
Weymouth.

156. C. S[awtell] to Edm. Sawtell. A hoy arrived from North Yarmouth, laden with coals, bound for St. Malo, and two vessels from Norway, laden with, deals, iron, &c.

Sept. 25.
Bristol.

157. Jo. Fitzberbert to Williamson. The report of the lightning firing one of the ships in Hungerford went current, no other cause appearing, and it being in the night; but it has since been found to be from the hearth in the ship; she narrowly escaped being fired before while at sea, by the like accident. Nothing would have been a greater ruin to that city, if it had not been quenched.

Sept. 25.
Letter Office.

158. James Hickes to Williamson. The delay of the letters is not his nor any other officer's fault, as the Yarmouth, Plymouth, and northern mails have not come in. Is in the office until half past three, though two is the time for going to bed, and if this is not hard service, must leave him to judge. Does not tell Sir John [Bennet] of Williamson's inquiry, or he would ask what Hickes had to do with his business, more than Williamson had with his. Sir John has lain there, and not stirred out, but two or three times into the office, since Thursday last, and when he comes, it is with such deportment and carriage that no King can exceed. Williamson may inquire, when he sees Sir John, how the letters came so late, but is to take no notice of what the writer has said; fears a short time will bring out more of the kind, from the miserable stress and hardships put upon all he has contracted with, in point of salary. Mr. Ellis is as much troubled as himself, and had he known as much as he does now, would never have appeared in it; do what he can, the other does what he sees good in his own eyes and judgment, which is to impose misery instead of content.

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Sept. 25. 159. "Advices received," being notes from letters all calendared above.
- Sept. 25. The King to the Master and Wardens of the Mercers' Company. Recommends Dr. John Clarke to the Readership of Law at Gresham College, void by death of Ben. Thornton, M.A. [*Ent. Book 25. p. 32b.*]
- Sept. 25. Commission for William Eyton to be captain of a company of foot in the regiment of Guards under Col. Russell, in place of ——— Guillims. Minute. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 9.*]
- Sept. 25. 160. Capt. Fras. Saunders to the Navy Comrs. Received orders, The Sweepstakes, to take in victuals and stores. Has been mostly at sea since his Hope, departure from Portsmouth, and met with such bad weather that his sails are not fit for sea. Gives an account of his wants as required. Asks a survey of the beer on board, which is not fit to drink, and of the cheese and butter taken in at Kinsale. Has sent three of his officers for their commands and as soon as supplied with things required, shall hasten into the Downs. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 26. 161. R. Waith, paymaster, to Sam. Pepya. The established Broad Street, number of men will be best known from Mr. Hayter; if he desire only the men that received money at the pay table, he is to return the list and it shall be perfected. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*
161. 1. *List of 47 vessels paid off in Sept. 1667, with the day of their discharge.*
- Sept. 26. 162. Sir G. Downing to the Navy Comrs. Desires they will certify Treasury Chambers, to the [Treasury] Comrs. how much timber is for the use of the Navy, Whitehall, of the 1,000 trees felled in Whittlewood Forest. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 26. 163. Certificate by Sir Jer. Smith and three others, that wanting The Rupert, lighters and boats to clean ships, they were forced to use a quay Kinsale, belonging to Robert Southwell to lay guns upon; that it was much damaged by their weight, and that they have surveyed the quay and crane, and find it will cost 50*l.* to repair it. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclosing,*
163. 1. *Certificate by John Coney and three others of the damage done to the quay and crane belonging to Robert Southwell of Kinsale; and that it will cost 80*l.* to repair, and must be done speedily, or the sea will wash all away.*
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- Sept. 26. 164. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Hopes they will help Dover, him to get his money, as the fire-ships have put him in debt more than all the other business, it being at a time when men would not part with anything wanted without ready money, or a certain day of payment. Has paid what he can, and fears he shall be sued for more; is disappointed in all places where he expected money, and his son has been in London 14 days, to entreat their honours to pass

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his account and pay the money. Sends an inventory of things in the stores at Dover, and desires orders to sell the old junk and ropes, to pay for the storing. Was forced to give 20 in the 100 for his money, and is still paid 180*l.* short. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 26. 165. M. Wren to the Navy Comrs. If they wish the Forester to be supplied with provisions at Dover, they are to give directions. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

165. 1. *Capt. Richard Country to Matthew Wren. Will sail for Dover Road. Desires a supply of beer and provisions, which may be received there with more speed and convenience. The Forester, Hope, Sept. 25, 1667.*

Sept. 26, 166. M. Wren to the Navy Comrs. His Royal Highness wishes
Midnight. the ships for the Straits to be manned as for a foreign voyage, and
St. James's. desires they will send an estimate of the ships which are to go, that he may carry it to the Council. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 26. 167. Comr. John Taylor to the Navy Comrs. The Van Trump may
Harwich. be repaired and sent up, if necessaries are supplied. Asks how many men will be allowed to the Orange and Speedwell in a time of peace; they are going to Rye; has ordered their victuals for 100 men each. The carpenters are going on with the frame of the storehouse, having nothing else to do. As a good sum of money for the fire-ships will be left, suggests that the three-quarters pay due to the men in the yard, amounting to 125*l.*, may be evened while the clerks are here. The officers are looked on as cheaters, as if they had the money and kept it. Sir John Mennes and Mr. Wilson can show how this stands. Desires their honours will either clear them of the broom-men's clamours, or get them an order to conceal themselves, as they cannot show their faces with credit, ready money having been promised. The repairs of the sunk ships have been done at a very small charge. Asks for orders as to two of them which have been more damaged. With note to send the Jersey galliot, with the spare pitch and tar. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

Sept. 26. 168. Sir Thos. Teddeman to the Navy Comrs. Sends muster
Dover. books for the Crown Mary and Dolphin fire-ships. Finds only two vessels fit to transport 45 horse; one is a flyboat belonging to Abraham Stock, who demands 40*s.* for each horse, as the charges there are great; offered him 20*s.*, and to pay the charges there, which are 50 sous per ton. Hopes to have the other vessel on better terms; asks how high he may go. Wants a person appointed by the Ordnance to receive the gunners' stores of the fire-ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 26. 169. Fras. Young, mayor of Rye, to the Navy Comrs. The only
Rye. vessel there that can carry 25 horse to Dieppe is the Pink of London, freighted by Thomas Pucklee, merchant in St. Mary Axe, without whose orders she must sail the first wind. Names other vessels which could carry horses. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Sept. 26. 170. Thomas Stollard to the Navy Comrs. Was forced into
The Milkmaid, Bantry Bay, August 27, by two Holland men-of-war, and then advised
Kilmar River. not to stir from Kilmar without convoy, till the certainty of peace.
It will be some days before the pipe staves are delivered to him;
will then repair to London, or the nearest place the weather will
permit, to receive orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 26. 171. Sir Robt. Holmes to Williamson. Recommends Lieut. Roch,
Portsmouth. a kinsman of his, for a landwaiter's place in the Customs.
- Sept. 26. 172. Sir Robt. Holmes to Williamson. Arrived there after the
Portsmouth. post was gone. Finds from his letter of news that the correspondent
at Kinsale has given a false account. At his arrival there, brought in
11 sail of Straits' men, nine with currants and two with oil, and
three Plantation ships. Capt. Clarke's privateer was there several
days before, but had no prize with him. Finding no care taken
for supplying provisions or stores, set sail, and took a sweep about
the Soundings, in hopes to meet either with Dutch or French before
hostilities expired. Left 14 merchantmen, besides fire-ships, at
Kinsale. Aiming altogether at the Dutch East India fleet, put
himself out of the road of all other ships, and so met with nothing
considerable.
- Sept. 26. 173. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The ships which came with
Portsmouth. Sir Rob. Holmes remain at Spithead, except the Happy Return,
which has come into harbour, being leaky. Several merchantmen
have arrived bound for New England, and gone to sea, except one
which fell foul of her own anchor coming over the Flats, and is put
into port, where most of her lading must be taken out, to come at
the leak.
- Sept. 26. 174. Dr. P. Mews to Williamson. Not finding him before going out
Oxford. of town, left many things untold concerning their late negotiation.
At his return to Reading, found great expressions of kindness, the
mayor and most of the principal persons meeting him three miles
from the town, and using such signs of joy as he cannot think were
paid so much to him as to peace. Finds however that the Presby-
terians generally are all schismatics, and promise themselves great
indulgences. What he told him about is the common discourse;
hopes there is no such thing in design; if there is, shall dread
the issue. Is engaging in fresh troubles, but if other difficulties do
not divert him, hopes to conquer.
- Sept. 26. 175. J. Barker to Williamson. Has been desired by Lord Ar-
Thursday. lington to wait on him for a licence for Wm. Dutton, high sheriff of
Gloucestershire, to be sometimes out of the county; he is infirm,
and his physician residing in Oxford, and a part of his estate being
in Kent, his attendance may sometimes be required.
- Sept. 26. 176. Sir J. Crosland to Lord Arlington. Was not present when
Scarborough. he sent for the list of prisoners, and Capt. Hawkins, not knowing
upon what terms Joplin was enlarged, gave no account of him.
Sends copies of his commitment and enlargement warrants.

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Sept. 26. Commission for Edw. Chichester to be ensign to Capt. Roscarrock. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 179.*]
- Sept. 26. Commission for Sir John Griffith to be major to the Admiral's regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 179.*]
- Sept. 26. Commission for John Trevanion to be ensign to Capt. Thos. Bennet. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 179.*]
- Sept. 26. Commission for Edw. Legard to be lieutenant to Sir Fras. Cobb. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 180.*]
- Sept. 26. Commission for John Daniell to be lieutenant to Capt. W. Lloyd. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 180.*]
- Sept. 26. Commission to Thos. Howard to be captain. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 180.*]
- Sept. 26. Commission to James Pearse to be surgeon to the Duke of York's troop. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 180.*]
- Sept. 26. Commission to Sir Thos. Daniell to be captain of the King's own company. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 180.*]
- Sept. 26. Commission for James Wyan to be captain of a company of foot in Col. Russell's regiment of Guards, in place of Col. Mat. Wise. Minute. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 9.*]
- Sept. 26. Commission for Edw. Sackville to be ensign to Capt. John Walter's company in the Foot Guards under Col. Russell. Minute. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 11.*]
- Sept. 26. Order for a warrant to pay to Hen. Howard and Sir Cecil Howard, army commissaries, 150*l.* a year, in lieu of one day's pay in the year from every officer, which former commissaries have had [*Ent. Book 26, f. 33b.*]

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Sept. 27. 1. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Fears they will hear of some
Newcastle. losses at sea by the last great storm. Very few ships have passed since his last, and the fleet of colliers is still there. They are now thinking of a mayor; hopes it will be Alderman Brabant, although there are some against him, but they will miss of what they aim at.
- Sept. 27. 2. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. Sickness caused his three
Lynn. weeks' silence, but since the peace, there is little discourse, and small occasion of intelligence, people being intent upon their business. The storms have caused high tides to do much damage upon the banks, and some ships that sailed for Newcastle, being within a league of their port, were put back again; two or three are missing, and feared to be lost.

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Sept. 27. 3. John Clarke to Williamson. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne has
Plymouth. arrived, in the *Defiance* from Kinsale, with 14 men-of-war and some
merchant ships, but they were separated by foul weather, some
having put into Falmouth. The fleet bound for Morlaix has sailed
with a fair wind.
- Sept. 27. 4. John Clarke to James Hickey. To the same effect.
- Sept. 27. 5. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. The *Constant Warwick* and
Plymouth Fort. *Adventure* have arrived. Saw Rear-Admiral Kempthorne with his
squadron turning into the Sound. Sir Jeremy Smith and his fleet
are on their way.
- Sept. 27. 6. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Fears many shipwrecks from
[Yarmouth. the tempestuous weather for several days. The *Nightingale* is at
anchor there, and several vessels have come in from the northwards,
laden with salt, one of which was forced to heave a quantity over-
board, to lighten the ship. Two Yarmouth vessels coming from the
northward are given over for lost.
- Sept. 27. 7. John Powell to James Hickey. The *Gift* frigate remains in
Pembroke. the harbour. Desires he will direct his letters to him instead of to
Mr. Malory.
- Sept. 27. Licence for Rich. Molineux to travel for three years. Minute.
[*Ent. Book 23, p. 551.*]
- Sept. 27. 8. Pass for Monsieur Spindler to transport six horses into
Whitehall. Flanders.
- Sept. 27. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 551.*]
- Sept. 27. 9. Confirmation by [the Duke of York] of an establishment of
St James's. the numbers of men to be borne on the several ships of the Navy,
in war or peace, abroad or in the Channel, and order that the Navy
Comrs. observe the same without any alteration. [*Draft.*]
- Sept. 27. Proclamation recalling the proclamations of 25 May 1665 and
Whitehall. 12 November 1666, and all others prohibiting trade into the Canary
Islands, which is now to be free to all, as before the incorporation of
the Canary Company, their charter being surrendered into his
Majesty's hands. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 253.*]
- Sept. 27. Draft of the above. [*Printed, with MS. corrections. Proc. Coll.,*
Whitehall. *Charles II., p. 252a.*]
- [Sept. 27]. 10. Another draft of the above. [*1½ pages.*]
- Sept. 27. Licence to Wm. Dutton, high sheriff of Gloucestershire, to live
out of the county. Minute. [*Ent. Book 17, p. 263.*]
- Sept. 27. Commission for — Wine to be cornet to the King's troops.
Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 179.*]
- Sept. 27. Commission to — Coventry to be cornet to Sir H. Wroth's
troop. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 179.*]

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Sept. 27. Commission to Sir Wm. Salkeld to be lieutenant to the Major's troop. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 179.*]
- Sept. 27. Commissions to Thos. Alden Price to be cornet, and ——— Slingsby lieutenant to Sir Edw. Brett. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 179.*]
- Sept. 27. Commission for Arthur Broughton to be captain of the company in Col. Russell's regiment, late Sir Godfrey Lloyd's. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 181.*]
- Sept. 27. Commission for Thos. Stradling to be captain of a company of foot in the regiment of Guards under Col. Russell, in place of ——— Broughton. Minute. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 9.*]
- Sept. 27. Commission for Sir Godfrey Lloyd to be captain in a company of foot under Col. Russell, in place of Sir Thos. Daniell. Minute. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 10.*]
- Sept. 27. Commission to John Price to be lieutenant to the said company. Minute. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 10.*]
- Sept. 27. Commission for Edw. Emery to be ensign to Capt. Arthur Broughton's company, of Foot Guards, under Col. John Russell. Minute. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 10.*]
- Sept. 27. Commission to Miles Morgan to be lieutenant to Sir Chas. Wheeler's company of Guards in the same regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 10.*]
- Sept. 27. Commission to George Gasmell to be adjutant in Col. Russell's regiment of Guards. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 11.*]
- Sept. 27. Commission to Wm. Freeman to be lieutenant to Col. John Strode's company in the Foot Guards under Col. John Russell. Minute. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 11.*]
- Sept. 27. Commission for James Halsal to be captain of the foot company of which John Neile was captain, now employed in Portsmouth garrison. Minute. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 12.*]
- Sept. 27. 11. Account by Wm. Howarth of provisions and stores issued to numerous fire-ships and snacks named; of the amount expended in their repair; of provisions demanded by Chris. Pett and sent to repair fire-ships at Gravesend, of which no particular account was given in; also of stores, some broken and decayed, received back from the boatswains of five fire-ships. [*Adm. Paper, 25 pages.*]
- Sept. 27. 12. M. Wren, Duke of York's secretary, to the Navy Comrs. The Mermaid, appointed to carry over the goods of the Queen-Mother to Havre-de-Grace, is to be supplied with victuals. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Sept. 28. 13. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. After four months' expectation of obtaining the money on the bill for 600*l.*, has received it back with indignation from the gentleman to whom it should have been paid, who told him, with discontent in his looks, that for

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want of the money according to promise, he had paid 7*l.* interest; expects to be obliged to pay this. As they have commanded him upon the service, if they cannot supply him with money, asks to whom to apply. Has fitted three ships, besides the *St. David*, and not received one penny for them. Shall forbear to trouble them with what hardship he has gone through. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 28.
The *Hardereen*.

14. Capt. John Coudre to the Navy Coms. Has arrived at Helford from Kinsale. Will stop his leaks and then proceed to Portsmouth. Supposes the *Adventure* and two others are at Plymouth, as they all sail better than the *Hardereen*. The *Alopine* fire-ship foundered at sea, before the writer left Kinsale. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 28.
Deptford.

15. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. It will much advance the service if they will agree with Mr. Edgell for his elm timber. Has none left to finish the new ship, and it will be a double charge to complete it when she is launched. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 28.
Woolwich.

16. Chris. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Launched the French *Ruby* to day, and will dock the *Monmouth* in her room. Has got most of the Hamburg deals from Deptford cut into sheathing board, but cannot do anything further without tar. [*Damaged. Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 28.
Dover.

17. Capt. Thos. Teddeman to the Navy Comrs. Has agreed with the master of the galliot to transport 45 horses to Dieppe, at 20*s.* a horse and payment of 50 sous a ton as tonnage. He will receive them on Tuesday, if they approve. The *Forester* has arrived from Ireland, by order of the Duke of York. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 28.
York Castle.

18. Wm. Fryer to Williamson. Hopes Lord [Arlington] will write to Mr. White of Wakefield who committed him, and another justice, to procure his liberty, the King having promised him his life. Blood is dead, and the rest of them are in London. Hopes when at liberty to give an account of Butler. If one who has come from London, and was lately in the Tower, were promised his life, he could inform of all persons concerned. Begs directions and release.

Sept. 28.

Warrant to the Farmers of Customs for landing 15 pipes of wine sent to the King by the Duke of Verneuil, custom free, the Customs to be allowed on their account. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 553.*]

Sept. 28.

Warrant for a grant of allowances and defalcations to be made to Henry Lord Arlington, as Postmaster General, and permitting the demands for allowances to be examined by three privy councillors, only so long as Lord Arlington remains Principal Secretary of State, his lordship to be one of the three. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 554.*]

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19. Draft of the above with differences.

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Docquet of the above. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 28.
Bristol.

20. Ja. Baskerville to James Hickes. The greatest news is that in the Gazette of the 27th from Bristol, of which no one there knows

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anything. That about the ship from the leeward is fictitious, as also that about the Resolution being set on fire by lightning; it was by the carelessness of a boy with a candle in the fore-castle. Several ships have sailed out, and Mr. Williamson's packet is gone. There is a rumour of a hurricane at Barbadoes, but no ground for believing it. Many ships are fitting out for the Straits and elsewhere.

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Rye.

21. Capt. James Welsh to Williamson. Lord Maggill is gone over to France in an English vessel; he is said to be newly married, and being very young, is gone to travel. Forty great ships have passed by westward. Hears that Lord Douglas's regiment is to go over to France again, one of his companies having come to the town already.

Sept. 28.
[Weymouth.]

22. C. S[awtell] to Edm. Sawtell. Many ships have set out, bound for Ireland, France, the Netherlands, &c.

Sept. 28.
Newcastle.

23. Rich. Forster to James Hickey. His friend Lieut.-Col. Rogers with Mr. George Erington and himself are now drinking his health. Never meets Rogers but they do it, he being one that has great respect for him. By reason of the wind, ships neither go out nor come in. Cannot write so well as usual, this being the last day for making out the town accounts.

Sept. 28.
Milford.

24. John Powell to Williamson. The Gift frigate remains still in the harbour.

Sept. 28.
Thilberg.

25. Sir J. Reresby to [Williamson]. When he petitioned the King to be sheriff of that county, His Majesty granted it as compensation for losses sustained in his and his father's service; but the poverty of the country, by the late war and the attempt upon Chatham, just upon the preparation for the assizes, which is the chief time of harvest, has put so great a stop to business and profit that it has been a loss instead of an advantage this year. Desires he will move Lord Arlington to use his interest with His Majesty to continue him as sheriff for another year. It is customary, and his predecessor held the office for two years. If he succeed, will present him with 100 pieces in part of his acknowledgments, that being the least that is due, both by the rules of good husbandry and justice. [1½ pages.]

Sept. 28.
Harwich.

26. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Begg he will further his affairs in the Virginia business. Proposes to be constituted engineer for fortifying all the rivers and colony of Virginia, as may be thought necessary, and to have 200*l.* a year secured to him for the employment, to be raised out of the moneys or tobacco paid on each county in Virginia to the maintenance of the government. It would be a livelihood of greater certainty than his present one.

Sept. 28.
Bridlington.

27. John Bower to James Hickey. The garrison is dismissed, and the guns in the fort are under the conduct of two file of musketeers. There are great storms, but no news of any shipwreck.

Sept. 28.
Tower.

28. Capt. G. Wharton to Williamson. Recommends Thos. Halling for a commission as master gunner of Carlisle, being solicited by Sir Philip Musgrave thereto.

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Sept. 28. 29. Col. John Russell to Williamson. Desires that Mr. Churebill may have his commission for the King's own colours in the Foot Guards, if it is signed.
- Sept. 28. 30. Col. John Russell to Williamson. Desires he will prepare a lieutenant's commission for Mr. Read in Capt. Cheeke's company, in the King's regiment of Guards.
- Sept. 28. 31. Col. R. Sydney to [Williamson]. Asks him to have a commission drawn for Turner to be ensign to Capt. Morgan, leaving a blank for the Christian name.
- Sept. 28. 32. Estimate of a military establishment, to commence Sept. 28, 1667, including commissaries of musters, garrisons of Portsmouth and the Scilly Islands, the King's guards and horse and foot regiments, the Lord General's foot regiment, and the staff officers of the Lord Admiral and Holland regiments, and the garrisons; yearly charge, 208,280*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* [*Draft.*]
- Sept. 29. 33. Detailed account of the establishment of the guards, garrisons, and land forces in England, to commence Sept. 29, giving the daily, monthly, and yearly charge of each separate regiment and garrison: total, 208,630*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* a year. [*13 pages.*]
- Sept. 29.
Plymouth. 34. John Clarke to Williamson. Several vessels from London bound to Barbadoes, &c, have put in there, but no vessels have arrived homeward bound since his last.
- Sept. 29.
Plymouth. 35. John Clarke to Williamson. Forwards an express from Falmouth, where the Ruth has arrived from Barbadoes, with two packets from the Governor, Lord Willoughby, to his Royal Highness.
- Sept. 29.
Plymouth. 36. John Clarke to Williamson. Capt. Kempthorne has sailed for the Downs, and the merchant ships which were separated from him are come in. Several ships gone to sea, bound for Virginia and the West Indies, have put back again through violent storms. A ship of 50 tons, bound for the Straits, took fire, and a man and a boy on board perished, together with her loading. The packets sent by express to Sir Wm. Coventry will inform him of the state of affairs in the West Indies.
- Sept. 29.
Plymouth fort. 37. Sir John Skelton to Williamson. Rear-Admiral Kempthorne with several frigates has sailed for Portsmouth, and seven ships named are in the Sound, bound for the same place, but prevented from sailing by the storm. A merchant of the town has received great loss by a ship taking fire; she was bound for the Straits with pilchards, tin, clothes, and oil, and a man and boy were burned in her.
- Sept. 29.
Berwick. 38. M. Scott to Williamson. The corporation according to charter this day elected Henry Edmeston to be mayor of the borough for the ensuing year.

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Sept. 29. 39. Capt. Wm. Basse to the Navy Comrs. Set sail on the 22d, from
The Oxford, Rosbeacon in the Elbe, with 20 vessels bound for London. His
Bay of the ship has been greatly damaged by the storms. [Adm. Paper.]
Nore. Enclosure.

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39. III. *Account by Thos. Boone, boatswain, of stores wanting to supply the Oxford.* Sept. 28. 1667.

Sept. 29. 41. Comr. John Taylor to Sir Wm. Batten. The necessity for
Harwich. oakum makes him send up the galliot for it and some elm boards.
Has offered ready money, or to exchange junk there or at Ipswich
for it, and can get none. Several other things are wanted, which
nothing but money will furnish. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 30. 43. Thos. Lewis to Sam. Pepys. Has provided for the victualling of Lord George Douglas's soldiers on five ships named; a sixth will be victualled in the Downs. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Sept. 30. 44. A. Gregory to Williamson, Knows of no one to whom he should apply for a superstructure, but to him who laid the foundation, and has already in a sense mounted him to whatever height he shall rise, by procuring him his second degree. Had a friend nigh the Earl of Clarendon, by whom he was encouraged to expect a prebend either at Worcester, Gloucester, or Bristol, but the Earl's interest failing, desires Williamson to procure a grant of the next prebend in either of those places, and upon the passing of the seal will gladly gratify him with 100 pieces. A living in any country, if considerable, will be no less welcome, though the simoniacal

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deters him from everything more than an indefinite engagement concerning it. My Lord of Gloucester will give him such a character as will speak him deserving of the preferment desired.

Sept. 30.
Pendennis.

45. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. A Barbadoes man gone for Plymouth confirms the account of Sir John Harman burning the French fleet; five or six vessels are in port, bound for the Straits and other ports, having taken in fish.

Sept. 30.
Falmouth.

46. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. The Rnth of Plymouth arrived from Barbadoes, with packets from Sir John Harman and the governor of Barbadoes; she reports that Sir John Harman, in attempting to land upon St. Christopher, lost 800 or 900 men, and is now with his fleet at Barbadoes; 16 or 17 great ships were seen off Falmouth harbour, which were judged to be De Ruyter's fleet. The Sorlings has arrived. [14 pages]

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47. "Advices received," being extracts from letters all calendared above.

Sept. 30.
Bristol.

48. Ja. Baskerville to James Hickey. A Spanish ship from Majore, on being brought into Hungersland to be fitted for her homeward voyage, was overset, and now lies sunk in the road, on a lighter, in which were 28 of her guns, and some ballast. Great care is used to buoy them both up, which, if not done, they will very much prejudice the road. The Laurel Tree has arrived from Nevis, and another with currants from Zante.

Sept. 30.
Yarmouth.

49. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Arrival of ships. Three vessels have foundered in the Humber, by falling foul of each other, and those from the northward report they met with many wrecks. Capt. Langley of the Truelove being ashore, eleven of his company secured the rest between decks, hoisted out the boat, and ran away. Saw a vessel sink between the Cockle and St. Nicholas' Sands; the men, to save their lives, got upon the shrouds, where they still remain, it being impossible to relieve them until the storm ceases, but their condition is much pitied.

Sept. 30.
West Cowes.

50. John Lysle to Williamson. About 14 sail of Dutch from the Texel, and some English from the Downs have been driven in by contrary winds and storms; they report that 300 ships sailed out of the Texel with two convoys, bound to the Western ports, &c., and 50 sail out of the Meuse; that they left 150 at the Texel, bound to the Levant and Mediterranean seas, and also Admiral De Ruyter near the Meuse, with 20 men-of-war, bound through the English Channel. The Young Tobias from Hamburg, laden with deals, &c. for Bilbao, reports that the King of Denmark, with the Prince, is at Luckstadt [Gluckstadt?], and that the lords and senate waited on His Majesty with a present, and prayed an audience, but could not be accepted nor heard, his Majesty giving for reason that he first expected the German Princes and electors to meet him at Luckstadt, and then they

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should be heard in order; this gives some jealousy to the Hamburgers, that the meeting may concern something about Bremen and the earldom of Oldenburg.

[Sept. 30.]
[Whitehall.]

51. Proclamation for due observance of the late Act against importing cattle from Ireland and beyond the seas, which is eluded by many fraudulent practices, and ordering all such cattle to be seized and sold, and the offenders prosecuted. [2 pages.]

Sept. 30. Copy of the above. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 254.*]

Sept. 30.
Whitehall.

Proclamation recalling in six months from the present date the dispensation granted 25 October 1665, for bringing home goods, &c. from Malaga, Alicant, and other places, in ships belonging to any powers in amity, contrary to the Acts of Navigation and Trade, and recalling all other dispensations, licences, &c. contrary to the said Acts. [*Printed. Proc. Coll., Charles II., p. 255.*]

Sept. 52. Draft of the above, dated September 27. [1½ pages.]

Sept. 30. Warrant for continuance for life to Dame Katherine, widow of Sir John Sayers, of a pension of 200*l.* a year, granted to her late husband for loyalty and good service. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 552.*]

Sept. 30. Commission for James Read to be lieutenant to Capt. Cheeke. Minnte. [*Ent. Book 28, p. 179.*]

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53. Petition of John Demontans, master of the ship *St. Bridget* of Bilbao, to the King. Was in the port of London, having delivered his merchants goods on September 6, and going ashore to help in saving some of the said goods, on his return, found his ship under a guard of soldiers; had difficulty in being allowed to go on board, and found his chest broken open, and money, goods, &c. taken, value 225*l.* Has apprehended the offenders, but cannot obtain restitution. Without the money, cannot return to Spain. Begs aid. *Enclosing,*

53. I. *List of 21 persons who came on board the ship St. Bridget,*

53. II. *List of goods taken away from the above ship, with their valuation. [Spanish.]*

Sept. 7 54. Petition of Francis and John Dorington to the King. Their ship, laden with brimstone, value 1,500*l.*, was sunk at Blackwall, by the Duke of York's order, and though an order has been given on their previous petition for examination thereof, it will require some time. Beg meanwhile that they may purchase the prize ship *Unity* or *Concord*, now at Plymouth, deducting from the payment the reported value of their own ship.

Sept. 7 55. Petition of Esains Esaiason, chaplain of the ship *Hilversome*, now prisoner in Colchester, to the King, for permission to accom-

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pany the young lads taken in the late engagement, to whom His Majesty has granted liberty, to guide them to their native country.

Sept. † 56. Petition of the Widow of Sir Rich. Fanshaw, late ambassador to Portugal and Spain, to the King, for a gift of the 7,600 ounces of plate, which her husband had out of the Jewel House; it cost her more to transport herself and family; 1,000*l.* of the 6,900*l.* found due on her account was detained; and her tallies for payment not being due, has sold them to Alderman Backwell for 5,000*l.*, instead of 5,900*l.*, and paid 400*l.* Exchequer fees.

Sept. † 57. Similar petition, to the same effect, naming the weight of the plate as 8,000 ounces.

Sept. † 58. Petition of the 26 Footmen to the King, for an order to Treasury Comrs. to pay them their year's wages, due from the treasury of the chamber at Michaelmas. Have had to borrow money to attend His Majesty and the Queen in their journeys this summer, and are in danger of being thrown into prison.

Sept. † 59. Petition of Ann Golden, widow of Capt. John Golden, to the Duke of York, that the Bull fire-ship at Deptford may be bestowed on her in lieu of the Lamb; this vessel was granted to her in lieu of 450*l.* due to her late husband for arrears of wages, and she borrowed 60*l.* to clear it at the prize office, but on the invasion of the Dutch, it was sunk, and she had no benefit thereby. With reference to the Navy Comrs. to examine and certify the value of the Lamb, and what other ship might be given in lieu of it. Endorsed with a note that the Duke promised her a ship as good as the Lamb. *Annering,*

59. I. *Certificate by Christopher Pett and Sam. Walsall, that the Lamb is worth 300*l.* Woolwich, June 17, 1667.*

59. II. *Account by Thos. Clements of anchors, cables, &c., belonging to the Lamb flyboat, valued at 380*l.**

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59. III. *Certificate by Jno. Coz and two other [officers of Deptford], that the Bull fire-ship's value is 412*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* With note by the Navy Comrs., Sept. 14, 1667, requiring the certifiers to make oath of their appraisement, and their affidavit, Sept. 17, 1667. [2½ pages.]*

Sept. † 60. Petition of Wm. Goodman, prisoner in the King's Bench prison, for release, in commiseration of the condition of his wife and children.

Sept. † 61. Petition of Wm. Goteer, of Maidstone, Kent, to Lord Arlington, for a safe conduct for himself and three servants, to secure them from impress, being deputed by his lordship postmaster for Maidstone.

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62. Petition of Wm. Hetherington to Williamson, his countryman, for his influence with the new farmers of customs to procure for him a tide waiter's place in the Custom House, and meanwhile to get him employment as a gatherer in of the new imposition on wine and brandy; his late brother, a surveyor in the Custom House, made him a waiter on ship board, to gather in the additional duty, but when the farmers of that duty became, last Michaelmas, farmers of the whole, he and most of the men were turned out, and he has not interest enough to procure his re-admission.

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63. Petition of Lady Honoria wife of Sir Rob. Howard to the King, for an Act of Parliament to provide for her out of her own estate, and confirm to her the house and goods she brought, and a yearly maintenance. In spite of proposals of mediation offered her by her husband, she dares not trust him; although she brought him 2,000*l.* a year beside personalty, he first left her with a few goods, in a house in Lincoln's Inn Fields, to support herself on 6*l.* a week, and then took that away, to compel her to lie at his mercy, which she dares not do; her jointure being mortgaged, she cannot prosecute for relief in ordinary courts.

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64. Petition of Thos. Page, James Jenifer, and George Coult to the Navy Comrs. In consideration of their losses, the Duke of York lent them the *Lily* as a privateer. They fitted her up at their own expense, but on 11 June last, she was re-called as a man-of-war, and so continued till the peace. Beg reimbursement of what they expended on her, deducting the remains amounting to 37*l.*, and satisfaction for the losses in time and trouble, and in their design, which probably would have been successful, if not prevented. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclose,*

64. 1. *Account of disbursements by Copts. Page, Jenifer, and Coult, in fitting the Lily frigate as a private man-of-war, in May 1667: total, 242*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.**

Sept. 7

65. Petition of Gratian de Perenant to the King, for a grant of 600*l.*, an old arrear of coinage duty, due at Boston, Lincolnshire; had 1,000*l.* taken from him at sea in Calais road, which was converted to His Majesty's use, and repayment thereof promised, but he forbore to press till now that he is fallen into extremity of want.

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66. Petition of Rich. Poole to Lord Arlington, for the place of postmaster at Court, promised to him, but lately bestowed on Mr. Stanney; held it under the late King, and risked his life in conveying letters for him, but on the Restoration, the place was bestowed on Mr. Parnell, who waited on the King in France. Has lost all his estate in the late fire.

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67. Petition of Richard Sadlington to the King, for a grant of two Flemish prize boys, appointed as fire boys in the last expectation of

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the Dutch in the river, but now of no further use. Served in the war against the Dutch, but the fleet being reformed, has no further service.

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68. Petition of Sherrington Talbot to the King, to recommend to the Treasury Comrs. his petition for 5,000 rotund, dead, and decayed trees out of Sherwood Forest, which the Crown never sold, as being only fit for firewood; they were promised him by His Majesty, at Cornbury, in his return from Bath to Oxford, but the late Lord Treasurer refused to comply. Lost 20,000*l.* in service of the late King.

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69. Petition of the Company of Vintners of London to the King and Council, for leave to retail their wines at such prices as they can afford the next three months, as the wine brought in since the peace will not be fit for draught by that time; their former permission, being from 25 June to 30 Sept., was in the vacation time, when trade is dead, and they have still on hand much wine bought at a dear rate in time of war.

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70. Petition of William Young and Isaac Staggers to the King, for an order to the Lord Keeper to pass their privy seal, directed to the late Lord Chancellor, for their places to succeed the late Hen. Bassano, as musicians on wind instruments; have lost one year's salary because of the non-passing of their grant, and are in danger of losing another.

Sept.

Memoranda from the Signet books of warrants, grants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow:—

Note that a benefice coming into the King's right on promotion of the former incumbent is said to be in His Majesty's gift *pro hoc vice*, and in right of his prerogative royal.

Patent constituting the Fleet prison to be at Caron House, South Lambeth, making it the King's prison of the Fleet, granting the office of warden to Sir Jeremy Whichcott, as also that of keeper of the old and new palaces, Westminster; confirming the rules of this prison as set down in Queen Elizabeth's time, with addition of a small duty on each prisoner, towards maintenance of a minister.

Grant to Roger Norton, for 41 years, on surrender of his former patent, of the office of printer, typographer, and bookseller, in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew, with the sole privilege of printing the Bible in Latin, and all grammars in Greek or Latin.

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Grant to Sir Cyril Wych, for 31 years, of all the lead and coal mines in the lordship of Denbigh, at 20s. a year, and 1-10th of the ore and coals that shall be found.

Grant to Jas. Hamilton of the office of Provost Marshal for Barbadoes.

Grant to Isaac Shelbury, on Grosvenor's surrender, of the office of Serjeant-at-arms attending the President and Council of Wales; fee, 3s. a day, payable out of the manor of Wigmore, Marches of Wales.

Grant to John, son of Sir John Watts, of the office of Receiver of cos. Essex, Middlesex, and Hertford.

Grant to the Duke of York of 3,000*l.* a year for maintenance of such of his children as are now or shall hereafter be born. [*Dom. Corresp.*, July 1667, Vol. CCXI., No. 123.]

Sept. Royal assent for Dr. Ward, Bishop of Exeter, to be Bishop of Salisbury. Minute. [*Ent. Book* 19, p. 64.]

Sept. Articles between the King and Sir John Wintour concerning the setting out of 10,000 acres of the waste land in the Forest of Dean, to be a nursery for growth of ship timber. [*Docquet.*]

Sept. 1 71. Order to [the Officers of ports ?] to warn all masters of foreign vessels of their duty, as enjoined by the Act of Parliament settling the post office on the King, to deliver their letters into the hands of the first post master resident in the towns where they arrive, except such as they shall deliver according to directions. [*Draft by Lord Arlington, endorsed with a similar draft by Williamson.*]

Sept. 1 72. Warrant for a bill incorporating the town of Little Yarmouth with that of Great Yarmouth, according to an Act of Parliament for their union, if consented to by Great Yarmouth within three years of passing the Act, and accomplished by Little Yarmouth within six months after, at its own cost.

Sept. 1 73. The King to Sir Chas. Littleton, colonel of the Admiral's regiment. He is to order the drawing of 12 good men from each of the five companies of his regiment now quartered at Harwich, Landguard Fort, Deal, Gravesend, and Portsmouth, to be delivered to persons appointed by the Duke of York, to be distributed on board the vessels employed under Sir Thos. Allin, in the Straits. [*Draft.*]

Sept. 1 74. The King to the Lord General. Has appointed Sir Chichester Wray, Bart., governor of Sheerness Fort, Isle of Sheppey, his allowance to commence from 26th June, 1666. Sir Stephen Fox is therefore to pay him 229*l.* 10*s.*, for pay for 459 days, ending 28th September, 1667. [*Draft.*]

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Bristol.

75. John Fitzherbert to [Williamson]. The Virginia frigate that stopped at Milford has arrived. There is a Dutch ship off Tenby, driven in by the storm; she hopes to get off clear, but this is not likely. The collectors of the hearth-money cause great murmuring, by going on purpose to demand the duty when persons are from home, and then breaking open the house, taking the distress, and making them pay twice the value of the duty to redeem it; so they served the dean of the place, elect Bishop of St. Asaph, by seizing some of his plate when he was absent, dining at the Mayor's.

Sept. ?

Tuesday.

76. Sir W. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. Has been informed of an unruliness amongst the seamen at the pay of tickets; hopes it was a mistake, as a disorder of that kind might be of ill consequences; begs inquiry. The Treasury supplied Lord Anglesey with 6,000*l.*, and an order was yesterday signed for 7,000*l.* more. Hopes want of money will not be pretended as a cause for discount. The Bristol's company were deferred payment, being after the time appointed; the like should be prevented for the future. Inquires whether the ticket-buyers' tickets came into those pays, and so consumed much of the money, and whether they should not be paid by the ships' books. [*Adm. Paper*, 1½ pages.]

Sept.

Wednesday.

77. M. Wren to the Navy Comrs. Is informed that four guns and an anchor were taken out of a fire-ship, burnt in the river, by the officers of the Hamburg Merchant, who intend to sell them for their own use. Seamen have so potent an inclination to such practices, that their virtue proves usually too weak to resist it. Desires that inquiries be made. [*Adm. Paper*.]

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78. J. Langrack to [the Navy Comrs.] Asks that another bill for 100*l.* may be made out, the last being still unpaid, so that he may set his hand to it, leave it with Mr. Morlow, and return to Whittlewood. [*Adm. Paper*.]

[Sept.]

79. Col. Anthony Gilby [to Lord Arlington]. The prisoners at Hull are Richard Goodgroome, John Portman, and John Rye, sent when His Majesty came into England, by his special warrant, as factious and seditious persons, to be kept close prisoners.

Sept. ?

80. Request by M. Desgranges for continuance of the pension of 120*l.* a year given him by the Princess Royal, but in the change of treasurers, it has been diminished, and he left out of the book. [*French*.]

Sept. ?

81. Memorial of the Farmers of Hearth Money for Lady Day 1667, who have been entrusted as collectors only, that they, by using care, taking securities, &c., have collected 40,000*l.* and the late receivers have taken 14,000*l.*, which is almost as much as has ever

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been paid ; but the farmers offer to make it up 60,000*l.* for the half year at their own hazard, and to pay more should they receive more, if the Lords of the Treasury will issue orders for receiving their accounts.

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Deptford.

82. Estimate by Jonas Shish of the cost of repairing damages in three hired fire-ships named ; total, 188*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

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83. Account by John Stanley, surgeon of the *Unity*, of his losses, amounting to 32*l.*, upon the attempt of the Dutch in Chatham River, June 12, 1667, when he was taken prisoner, and remained in prison for three months. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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84–88. Statement [by Jas. Hiekes] of the different post roads, including the branch roads, the several stages, their distances from each other, the names of the postmasters at each, and the days and hours at which the mails are dispatched from the country towns to London. The leading roads are the North road to Edinburgh, and those to Norwich, Chester, Derby, Yarmouth, Dover, Rye, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Bristol and Gloucester, and South Wales. Five papers. [8½ *pages.*]

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89. Statement by A. B. that he was in youth a servant of the Princess Royal, and was also allied to a grandee under the late powers ; that in 1652, he got Prideaux put out of the post office, by reducing the price of letters from 6*d.* to 3*d.*, and bringing in a threefold weekly postage ; that to recompense him for 5,036*l.* 8*s.* spent therein, he was to have a weekly payment from the post office ; that he took the office in 1660 in Bishop's name, and settled a foreign correspondence, but being dissatisfied with Bishop, had the office transferred to his cousin O'Neale, on condition of continuing him 100*l.* a year therefrom, but this has not been done. Offers to serve Lord [Arlington] abroad, being known in Holland, and willing to venture his life in the service.

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90. Propositions from Mr. H. [Hiekes ?] to farm the post office from Lord [Arlington ?], giving him 2,800*l.* a year and a fourth of the profits, he retaining the inspection and superintendence, and placing his own accountant in the office.

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91. Request by Thos. Cooke to know if Sir John Bennet will let to farm the bye letters of York alone, or of the whole county, and what he demands for them.

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92. Note of postmasters [to be appointed ?] from Newcastle to Carlisle

Sept.

93–200. Lists of correspondents, with the hours of transmission of the letters, on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from Jan. to Sept. 1667. [Seemingly lists of the news letters dispatched by Williamson's agents, and sent for dispatch to Jas. Hiekes, sen., of the post office, by whom most of the papers are endorsed. 108 papers.]

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Sept. 201. List of 90 political pamphlets, papers, &c., endorsed by Williamson, "Books bound up Sept. 1667, by Mearne, in several volumes, and paid to him upon a bill."
- Sept. 202. List of eight Members of Parliament, whose places are void or likely to be so, by death, sickness, or removal to the Upper House.
- [Sept.] Papers relating to goods furnished from the Navy stores, which being employed on fortifications, belong to the Ordnance department, [*Adm. Papers*], as follow :—
203. Certificate by Robt. Gransdale, that he pressed 11 carts and horses belonging to 10 persons named for one day, to carry guns and carriages to Greenwich, to be planted there for the security of the river, by warrant from Sir Wm. Batten, and that the charge was 4*l.* 10*s.* With note by Thos. Harper and three other officers of Deptford Yard, that the teams mentioned were employed for the time and service specified.
204. Thos. Harper and W. Fownes to the Navy Comrs. Send account of goods issued out of the stores for the Officers of the Ordnance, or for any other service not properly belonging to ships, between June 21 and Aug. 23, 1667, amounting to 96*l.* 15*s.* Deptford, Aug. 23, 1667.
205. Account by W. Aeworth of several provisions delivered out of the stores at Woolwich for making forts and repairing a wharf and platform, amounting to 1,374*l.* 16*s.* [3 pages.]
206. Account by Si. J. Steventon and Ben. Johnson of provisions delivered out of the stores by order of Lord Gerard, to John Moody, master gunner, and others, for the use of the fortifications and platform of Portsmouth, Southsea Castle, and the Blockhouse Point, between June 21 and Aug. 24, 1667, amounting to 192*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.* Portsmouth, Aug. 24, 1667.
207. Account by Edw. Gregory and N. Holt of provisions delivered out of the stores towards the raising of fortifications, and other services relating to the Ordnance, amounting to 232*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* Chatham, Aug. 26, 1667.
208. Account by Capt. Ant. Deane and two others of timber and other provisions expended in fortifying the yard, town, of Harwich, amounting to 452*l.* 18*s.* Harwich, Sept. 12, 1667.
209. Summary of the gross value of the above stores, issued for purposes other than naval, in Aug. and Sept. 1667, amounting to 2,548*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*

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Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson of King's and merchants' ships in the Downs, the state of the wind, time of receipt and dispatch of the mails, &c. :

No.	Date.	King's.	Merchants'.	Wind.	Mails.		Remarks.
					Arrival.	Dispatch.	
210	Sept. 1	1	0	S.E.	None.	5 P.M.	A small Malaga ship has passed through to London.
211	2	1	0	S.	None.	6 P.M.	
212	3	1	2	S.E.	None.	6 P.M.	
213	5	2	12	S.W.	None.	5 P.M.	The merchant ships are from Portsmouth; 30 sail have passed through, but the packet boat could not get aboard them.
214	6	2	1	N.E.	None.	5 P.M.	Two Ostendiers have taken a Portuguese vessel, and chased another ashore near Broadstairs. A ship is on the Goodwin Sands.
215	7	1	0	N.N.E.	None.	5 P.M.	An East Indiaman has sailed.
216	8	2	4	S.	None.	6 P.M.	10 ships have passed through, and 15 more are in sight.
217	9	2	2	S.	None.	6 P.M.	20 sail of ships have passed through.
218	10	6	7	W.	None.	7 P.M.	More ships are coming in.
219	11	2	3	S.	None.	6 P.M.	The Mermaid with 20 of the Virginia fleet has passed through the Downs.
220	12	1	3	W.	4 P.M.	6 P.M.	
221	13	3	3	S.W.	None.	6 P.M.	Two frigates from Barbadoes and Virginia have passed through.
222	14	3	4	S.W.	None.	5 P.M.	
223	15	2	8	W.	None.	6 P.M.	Will deliver the letters for Sir John Southwell. The ship is just coming into the Downs.
224	16	2	8	S.	None.	6 P.M.	Has delivered his packets, and got the shipmasters' receipts.
225	17	2	8	S.W.	None.	5 P.M.	
226	18	2	8	S.W.	None.	5 P.M.	Has delivered his packets.
227	19	2	8	S.W.	4 P.M.	5 P.M.	
228	20	1	0	N.E.	None.	6 P.M.	All the ships sailed out this afternoon.
229	22	1	0	N.E.	None.	5 P.M.	
230	23	1	0	N.W.	None.	5 P.M.	Two Holland men-of-war and several other outlandish ships have come in.
231	24	1	4	S.W.	None.	6 P.M.	A vessel from Guinea reports that they kill our men there every day.
232	25	1	4	S.E.	None.	6 P.M.	100 Dutch merchantmen have come in.
233	26	1	4	N.	None.	6 P.M.	
234	28	1	0	N.N.W.	None.	5 P.M.	
235	29	2	1	S.W.	None.	5 P.M.	Weather stormy.

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Oct. 1.
Teddington.

L. Philadelphia Lady Wentworth to Williamson. Has hitherto followed his advice and forborne soliciting the Lords of the Treasury about her pension, but her necessities have at last forced her to it; has

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therefore written to Sir Thomas Clifford; begs his interest and Lord Arlington's. The pension is all the subsistence she has for herself and child, her lord's estate going towards the payment of debts.

Oct. 1. 2. John Clarke to Williamson. No ships have arrived since his
Plymouth. last.

Oct. 1. 3. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. A small vessel of 16 tons
Harwich. belonging to Yarmouth has been lost on the west rocks, through the storms, but her men were saved. The Orange and Speedwell are still detained by bad weather.

Oct. 1. 4. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Forty ships have sailed from that
Newcastle. port, and the great fleet of 150 colliers will go next tide. Capt. Henry Brabant has been chosen mayor, and Ralph Gray sheriff, both men well known for their loyalty.

Oct. 1. 5. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Sir Jeremiah Smith, with his
Portsmouth. convoy and prizes, has arrived at St. Helen's Road from Ireland, and Admiral Kempthorne, with his squadron, at Spithead, all bound for the Thames.

Oct. 1. Commission for Sir Walter Vane to be captain of a company of
foot in the late Col. Russell's regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 180.*]

Oct. 1. Pass for Ralph Sheldon, of Beely, co. Worcester, travelling for the
Whitehall. recovery of his health, with six servants and 50*l.*, to go abroad and return to England when he thinks fit. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 34.*]

Oct. 1. Sec. Morice to Lord Arundel, of Trevice, governor of Pendennis
Whitehall. Castle. He is to set John Wildman, prisoner in the castle, at liberty, on good security to repair to London within three weeks, and render himself to Sec. Morice, to give security to keep the peace, and attempt nothing against government. [*Ent. Book 28, p. 6.*]

Oct. 1. Commission for Henry Sands to be ensign to Capt. John Walter's
Whitehall. company of foot in Col. Russell's regiment of Guards. Minute. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 9.*]

[Oct. 1.] 6. Account by Comr. John Taylor of goods embezzled out of
Harwich. ships and stores at Harwich in 1666, and seized, for which, according to proclamation, one third is demanded by the discoverers towards their charge of bringing them into the stores; value of goods, 360*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*; thirds demanded, 120*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

[Oct. 1.] 7. Similar account, but rating the value of the goods more highly.
Harwich. [*1½ pages.*]

Oct. 1. 8. Similar account, omitting the last entry, total value 282*l.* 12*s.*
Harwich. With note from Comr. Taylor that the goods are valued at less than their worth, that the discoverers have saved the King 300*l.*, and he

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cannot recommend less for them than the allowance of one third, as given by proclamation, amounting to 94*l.* 4*s.* With note that the bill passed Oct. 19, 1667. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*] *Enclosing,*

8. 1. *Certificate by John Browne, Silas Taylor, and John Gregory, that they have seen the above account, and that certain of the goods which they specify have been returned into the King's stores.*

Oct. 1.
Woolwich.

9. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comrs. Repairs of the Monmouth; will have her fit for launching on Tuesday next. Asks for a warrant for tar received from Mr. Bodham of the ropeyard, and for a further supply. Requires timber and reed, and the return of some calkers, lent to the yard at Deptford; also directions as to work to be done on the *Royal James*. [*Adm. Paper, damaged.*]

Oct. 1.
The
Sweepstakes,
Hope.

10. Capt. Francis Saunders to the Navy Comrs. Would have been in the Downs or Dover Road, if the victualler had sent down a small quantity of victuals. Has just received a part, and is promised the remainder at Dover, where he will wait further orders. The ship is in a bad condition for want of stores. Sends his book made up. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 1.
Deptford.

11. Capt. John Cox and four other officers of the yard, &c., to the Navy Comrs. Many iron bolts and clamps have been lost out of the new ship building; have found out three of the transgressors, two labourers and one calker named. The labourers confess and seem penitent, but the calker is very impudent, and denies the fact, notwithstanding that one of the labourers saw him carry a bolt away. Seldom pass but they observe him laughing, as if by outfacing them he had cleared himself; he was formerly convicted of robbing Sir George Carteret's orchard, and is likely to have been in the last robbery thereof. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 1.
Deptford.

12. Capt. John Cox, master attendant, to the Navy Comrs. Asks for orders as to victualling and fitting the *Sapphire* for a voyage to the Straits. The *Hind ketch* has all her stores aboard. Has acquainted the commander with the extraordinary haste to be made, but finds him never the more diligent; he pretends he cannot get his provisions. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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13. Capt. John Cox and Capt. J. Perriman [to the Navy Comrs.]. Have surveyed the provisions on board the *Sapphire*, and found them good. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 2.
Chatham.

14. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Comrs. Sends a list of the seamen and soldiers to whom 40*s.* each was paid, for the loss of their clothes on board the *Charles V.* Has communicated the Council's orders, requiring the officers of the yard to attend at Whitehall on the 4th instant. Hoped that the yard would not have been left totally unofficered, and that he, being the least able to speak to the purpose, might have been dispensed with. With note that the list was given to Mr. Whitfield, 15 Oct. 1667. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Oct. 2. 15. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comrs. Repairs of the Mon-
Wootwich. mouth and Mary. Asks for a supply of stores. [*Damaged Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 2. 16. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The Sorlings has come in from
Pendennis. cruising off the West, to stop her leaks; also a Swede from Ham-
burg, laden with goods for the Caribbee Islands. The merchant
ships are still detained by the weather.
- Oct. 2. 17. H. Oldenburg to Williamson. Sends two books of the
transactions for the three months he was silenced, one of which he
can keep for himself, and send the other to his correspondent at
Paris. The morning he was committed to the Tower, a letter came
to his hands which he gave Williamson to peruse, containing some
philosophical particulars; desires him to return it, as he has
since received a Parisian letter which refers to some commission
mentioned in it.
- Oct. 2. 18. "Advices received," being extracts from letters calendared
above. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.]
- Oct. 2. 19. Jo. Cooke to Williamson. There being five new captains to
be made in the regiment of Guards, is desired by Col. Russell to
send Williamson their names, and the order in which they are to
stand, so that he may properly date their commissions, if they come
to his office.
- Oct. 2. Warrant for a pension to the Earl of Rochester of 1,000*l.* a year,
as gentleman of the bedchamber. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 554.*]
- Oct. 2. Warrant to the Lord Keeper to affix the great seal again to the
charter of Reading, the former seal being broken by accident. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 554.*]
- Oct. 2. 20. Pass for 75 horses for George Lord Douglas, and the officers
Whitchall. of his regiment, free of custom.
- Oct. 2. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 555.*]
- Oct. 2. The King to the Treasury Comrs. Sir Stephen Fox, paymaster
of the forces, undertook in 1662, at request of many officers, to pay
them weekly or monthly between musters, on a reasonable deduc-
tion from their pay for interest on money advanced. This plan has
proved very advantageous; they are therefore, in settling the new
establishment for guards and garrisons, amounting to 209,398*l.* 8*s.*
a year, to take care by constant supplies that he may be enabled to
perform these payments. [*Ent. Book 26, f. 13.*]
- Oct. 2. 21. Note of an order in Council, on a query by the farmers of
Customs whether prize ships condemned in Scotland should be capa-
ble of privileges granted to prize ships by the Act of frauds, that
such prize ships sold into England should be naturalized and accepted
as English ships, on paying 12*l.* per pound customs as English prize
ships; in spite of this order, the farmers refuse to accept as an
English ship the St. John Evangelist of Rochelle, taken and con-
demned in Scotland, and sold to subjects of England, to the great
prejudice of the owners.

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Whitehall.

22. Order in Council, on the representations of the Farmers of the Customs to the Treasury Comrs. of the case of the Acts of Navigation and for Prevention of Frauds, referring the same to a committee of Council, who have altered the draft of a proclamation for revocation of former orders of Council thereon, and drawn up answers to the propositions, inferences, and queries of the farmers, which they wish to be presented to the King; with the said queries subjoined, relating to whether goods are to be conveyed in English or foreign shipping, according to the clauses in the Act of Navigation and the dispensations therefrom, and an answer thereto; also a final order, approving the above answers, a copy of which is to be sent to the Farmers of Customs for their direction. [*Certified copy, 2 pages.*]

[Oct. 2.] 23. Draft of a portion of the above. [*2 pages.*]

Oct. 2. 24. Copy of the above, with slight differences. [*2 pages.*]

Oct. 2. 25. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. All the soldiers in Pendennis Falmouth. Castle, except 60 of Lord Arundel's company, are disbanded, and are to be paid off this week.

Oct. 2. 26. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the Falmouth. preceding and his letter to Hickey of Sept. 30. Wants the articles of peace with Holland, France, and Denmark; 17 great ships, supposed to be De Ruyter's fleet, were seen off the harbour. [*1½ pages.*]

Oct. 2. 27. James Hickey to Williamson. Mr. Ellis wants to be supplied London. with his paper of intelligence three times a week, as allowed to Sir Philip Frowde in his time. Has a great desire to wait upon him, but his service is so severe that he has not two hours rest between the post going out and coming in, and seldom half an hour's sleep, by which means he is becoming decrepid and dropsical; shall wait with patience, and if he die without receiving consideration, it will be a comfort to know that he has discharged his duty faithfully, in all hazards and hardships.

Oct. 2. 28. John Carlisle to Williamson. The rich East India ship taken Dover. by Sir Jeremiah Smith has sailed by for the Downs. The States of Holland have proffered to restore the Royal Charles, Essex, Swiftsure, and St. Patrick for her. The French have made an attempt upon a place in Brabant which the Dutch possess, and taken away 4,000 head of cattle, which it is supposed will aggravate the breach between them. Capt. Kempthorne, with some of his squadron, has sailed.

Oct. 2. 29. Thos. Sherley to Williamson. Solicits his assistance in procuring him the place of Auditor to the new Excise Office, about to be erected; will pay him 100*l.* a year, being a third of the profits, for his friendship in the matter.

Oct. 2. 30. Jo. Fitzherbert to Williamson. A ship arrived from Zante, Bristol. laden with currants, the Phoenix from Virginia, and a vessel from Nevis, laden with sugar, tobacco, &c., which all put in at Kinsale, where they heard that Sir Jeremiah Smith had sailed for England,

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with 10 men-of-war and five prizes. The ship from Nevis confirms the great victory over the French, and the destruction of 14 men-of-war and six merchant ships, and that Harman endured 2,000 shot from the enemy, without returning any, till he saw an advantage. This ship also speaks of another attempt designed upon St. Christopher, and of the ill conduct of the new governor of Barbadoes; that he landed his men and then stood off with his ships; that the men, after doing their best, were beaten off, and 300 seamen had to swim for their lives, but there being no ships nor boats to take them up, they were forced ashore and there killed, when they might have been taken up with the greatest ease. This had like to have made a great disorder, when the officers came ashore.

Oct. 3. 31. Lord Bulkeley to Lord Arlington. There neither are nor were
Beaumaris. any prisoners of state in that island, nor in the next county, during the war, save two Frenchmen, who were conveyed to Chester by his lordship's command.

Oct. 3. 32. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. Sir Jeremiah Smith and
Portsmouth. Admiral Kemphorne are both there, by reason of the storms, but intend for Chatham with the first fair wind. Sir Rob. Holmes and his squadron have come into harbour, and the money being come down, they begin paying off the ships.

Oct. 3. 33. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Sir Jeremiah Smith, with
Portsmouth. his ships, still remains there, for want of a fair wind to carry him to the Downs, and Sir Robt. Holmes is commanded to lay up there.

Oct. 3. 34. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The weather continuing
Harwich. so foul, the Orange and Speedwell, designed to meet Lord Douglas's regiment at Rye, dare not budge, but remain in the Rolling Ground. No packet boat has arrived from Holland this week.

Oct. 3. 35. Ri. Watts to Williamson. The Defiance and other ships
Deal. from Ireland are in the Downs; also a Dutch ship for the East Indies, laden with anchors, cables, sails, and cordage, and a Frenchman laden with Greenland oil. The weather has been so violent that boats cannot live in the sea.

Oct. 3? 36. Note of red and white cloth for 1,600 men, and of 75 horses required for Lord George Douglas.

Oct. 3. Warrant to the Farmers of Customs to suffer Lord George Douglas to export 5,000 yards of red and 6,500 of white cloth, for his regiment of 15 companies of 100 soldiers each, besides officers. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 555.*]

[Oct. 3.] 37. Minute of the above, preceded by a calculation of the amount of cloth required.

[Oct. 3.] 38. Pass for Captains Melville, Rutherford, and Leith, with their companies of Scotch soldiers 100 each, from Leith to Dover. Minute.

Oct. 3. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 555.*]

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Warrant to the Treasury Comrs. to direct Sir Stephen Fox to pay William Ashburnham, cofferer of the household, 15,000*l.*, for the expenses thereof, and other sums that may be ordered, out of the 68,820*l.*, part of the 200,000*l.* registered in his name upon the 11 months' tax. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 556.]

Oct. 3.
Whitehall.

Warrant to Wm. Ashburnham, cofferer, to pay to Wm. Powell 400*l.*, due to Alex. Holt, garnitor of the Mews, for oats, &c., which debt the Duke of Albemarle has assigned to Powell, for money owing to him by Holt. [*Ent. Book* 26, p. 14.]

Oct. 3.
Woolwich
Ropeyard.

39. W. Bodham to Sir Wm. Batten. Sends an account of stores remaining in the ropeyard at the end of September. [*Adm. Paper. damaged.*]

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40. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. The Treasury Comrs. have provided 10,000*l.* for paying the tickets of ships to be discharged, so as to save the growing charge, and have taken order that a second and third like sum be provided as soon as needed. Suggestions as to modes to be adopted, for punctual payment and prevention of fraud. If a good store of men could be discharged together, it would make seamen's wages fall amongst the merchants, and thus restore order and obedience in the King's ships, since the employment would be sought as formerly. Presumes, if the treasurer at Portsmouth want money, he may have some returns by Sir Wm. Doyley upon the receiver of Hampshire. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Oct. 4.
Coopill.

41. Daniel Furzer to the Navy Comrs. Sends the account for fitting the *Harp* with stores. She was much out of repair, not having had anything done to her for three years. The work has been performed speedily, and with good husbandry. After she was fitted and hauled into the river, a lighter came athwart her and broke her head, &c.; was forced to bring her ashore again. Paid down 5*l.* for a new mainmast, gave a bill for 6*l.* more, before he could be suffered to have it on board, and was fain to pay every week, or not a man would work. Disbursed money for materials, and if some sudden supply come not, cannot longer subsist, as the men are daily arrested; some have been put into the dungeon, and their cry is so vehement that he is not able to undergo it; his own necessities are so extreme, that he wants for his family. Begs, if he have deserved any respect for his service, that he may not be utterly ruined. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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42. "Advices received," being extracts from letters all calendared above.

Oct. 4.
Lynn.

43. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. Fears the violent winds have caused much damage. A collier, with 60 chaldron of coals, has been driven into the Bay, and stranded on the Washway, but the men were saved. The militia is in a state of settlement, and the people very healthful; their minds being settled, they are well qualified for following their trading.

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Oct. 4. Plymouth. 44. John Clarke to Williamson. Several ships are there, bound for Virginin, &c. An Ostender has brought in a French ship, laden with lank fish, &c., which she took out of a port in France.
- Oct. 4. 45. John Clarke to James Hiekes. To the same effect.
- Oct. 4. Newcastle. 46. Rich. Forster to Williamson. The great fleet of laden colliers is still there, the wind being extraordinary high, and but little water at the Bar; 17 light vessels have come into port.
- Oct. 4. London. 47. James Hiekes to [Williamson]. The northern mail has not come in; has sent what has come to hand by the other post.
- Oct. 4. Letter Office. 48. A. Ellis to Williamson. Sends two letters found in a cunning flap of the mail, contrived by Mr. Jemmett of Dover, and not known by the ignorant people of Harwich who received the mail, nor by those who examined it at Dover. As Jemmett is no longer master of the boats, the name should be changed. Shall not trouble him to manifest Jemmett's knavery, but begs to assure him the people at the writer's office are not the most negligent in the world.
- Oct. 4. Rye. 49. Capt. James Welsh to Williamson. Three vessels arrived from Dieppe, freighted with passengers and goods, by which the people there promise themselves great hopes of a trade with them as formerly.
- Oct. 4. Whitehall. Reference to the Treasury Comrs., on the petition of Henry Cook, master of the pages of the chapel, for payment of his last year's salary, and his disbursements of 2,000*l.*, ordering that the sum agreed on be seasonably paid him, to provide the children of the chapel with liveries, &c. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 261.*]
- Oct. 4. Whitehall. Licence to Richard Viscount Lunley, with his mother, brother, two sisters, 12 servants, 6 horses, and 60*l.* in money, to go beyond seas and remain three years, provided he do not enter the territories of the King's enemies, nor keep company with persons leaving the realm without licence, nor with seminary priests, and that he return if required by Council. [*Ent. Book 25, pp. 34 b. 35.*]
- Oct. 4. Whitehall. Commission for Sir Thos. Woodcock to be captain of a company of foot in Col. Robt. Sydney's regiment of Guards, in place of Capt. Morgann. Minute. [*Ent. Book 27, p. 10.*]
- Oct. 4. Commission to — Howard to be ensign in Major Thos. Ashton's company in the regiment of Guards. Minute. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 10.*]
- Oct. 5. Commission for — Harris to be lieutenant to Capt. Walters. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 180.*]
- Oct. 5. Grant of licence to Toussain le Jond, operator in physic and surgery, to erect a stage or theatre in any town of England or Wales, and to vend his balams and remedies, remaining in any town as long as he desires. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 559, 560.*]

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Oct. 5. Grant to Sir Thos. Clarges of the site of the late Monastery of Reading; also of 30*l*. a year, in consideration of his surrender of the said monastery and divers houses, &c., for the use of the King's stables there. [*Docquet.*]
- Oct. 5. 50. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. Several vessels are coming
Lyne. in from St. Malo, Morlaix, &c. A vessel has also arrived at Penzance from Barbadoes, after the bad news that she had sprung a leak at sea, and had been left by her company.
- Oct. 5. 51. H. Oldenburg to Williamson. Thanks him for taking care
of his packets and letters. What is philosophical in them he shall have on Thursday, but as to the civil part, his author acquaints him that all are eager to know the resolution England will take about the Low Countries. News from Germany, Holland, and France. The Port Royal translation of the New Testament is censured at Rome; 12 doctors of the Sorbonne are examining it, and may perhaps condemn it through complaisance, though there are only little faults in it. In France they are disputing eagerly about the usefulness of the transfusion of blood. [*1½ pages, partly French.*]
- Oct. 5. 52. Ri. Watts to Williamson. Eleven ships have gone up for
Deal. the Thames; amongst them a French prize with Greenland oil, and a Dutch prize with anchors, cables, &c., from Ireland. The wind has been very violent.
- Oct. 5. 53. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. A Dutch packet has
Harwich. come in, but the passengers have no news, the time of year, according to the French practice, invoking cessation. The weather has been very turbulent, and the wind is contrary for the Orange and Speedwell designed for Rye, and lying in the Rolling Grounds. With note by [Jas. Hickes], complaining of the delay in the transmission of this letter, and of those which came by the Dutch mail.
- Oct. 5. 54. Elias Wast and two other Officers of the Dartmouth to the
The Dartmouth, Navy Comrs. Account of the wants and defects of the ship. The
Beaumaris. master is incapable to harbour her in any port in Ireland, or in those parts of England. Crave consideration of her sad condition. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 5. 55. Chr. Coles to the Navy Comrs. Gives particulars of the
services of two boys employed by him in carrying plank which he last contracted for, to Chatham and Portsmouth. Hopes they will not dispose of that which carries the 4-inch plank, as he cannot get any other vessel that can take it. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 5. 56. Jonas Shish to the Navy Comrs. The Hind ketch has all
Deptford. things on board, and only stays for sailing orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 5. 57. Fra. Nicholls and Edward Sherburne to the Navy Comrs.
Ordnance Office. Have directed their agent to return as many deals as were issued out of the yard at Harwich, for the works lately made there; but have occasion for the others, and lack money to buy more, if they part with those. Can make no return to the great account they

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have to lay before them, knowing nothing thereof. Have ordered their agent to receive no more timber for the late batteries at Woolwich than was laid at the charge of their office. Such provisions as have been lately issued from the stores shall be returned to the officers to which they belong. Have issued letters to their agents to follow this order. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 5.
Woolwich.

58. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comrs. Shall perfect the works of the Monmouth, and fit her for launching by Tuesday. Asks for a supply of stores named, and for orders as to repairing the Royal James. [*Adm. Paper, damaged.*]

Oct. 5.
Office of
Works,
Scotland Yard.

59. Sir John Denham and four other Comrs. of Works to the Navy Comrs. Cannot deliver in their account including the two boys, for want of a note as to their victualling. Desire them to send it, and also to conclude on a way for transporting His Majesty's marble from Leghorn, which may be best done by freight-
ing a vessel outwards with merchants' goods. There is a fly-boat of 200 tons at Deptford which will serve. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclose,*

59. 1. *Account by Thos. Lewis for victualling the Mackler and Black Post Horse, amounting to 375*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.**

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60. Account by [John Langrack] of trees felled and converted into timber in Whittlewood Forest; 250 loads are to come in from the Holt, which will be the last that can be had there for many years. Endorsed, "Trees felled and converted in Sherwood Forest." [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 5.
Portsmouth.

61. Thomas Eastwood to the Navy Comrs. Desires payment of a bill of imprest. The workmen in the New Forest stand in great need of their money; dares not show himself there any more without it. The timber felled last spring is squared and sent to the water side, and some is delivered into the stores at Portsmouth. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 5.
Portsmouth.

62. John Shales to Sam. Pepys. Particulars of proceedings in paying off ships. Wishes the casting of the books for discovery of supernumeraries was remitted, as it will cost the King a day's pay and victuals to each ship, and beget unprofitable clamour and dissatisfaction among the commanders, who will all plead written and verbal directions for what they have done. The business shall be executed with all dispatch, for retrenchment of the growing charge. If the money hold out to the ships designed to be paid, will proceed to their pay, though the ships' work be not completed; it will be an easier charge to get guns out, &c., by labourers or seamen employed on board wages, than to continue a whole ship's company in victuals and wages. The work to be done is made a pretence for the suspending of books. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]

Oct. 6.
Portsmouth.

63. James Pugh to Thos. Hayter. Desires the muster books of such ships as are to be paid. Delivered the 500 blank tickets to

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Comr. Middleton. The pursers have prepared a great many books, but the second order has put them into such a plunge that they are forced to begin all anew, which will take up some time. Thinks the casting up to know whether there are any supernumeraries will be tedious, and might be done at leisure, and the commanders have pay sufficient left to make that good, in case any be found. Sir Jeremy Smith set sail yesterday. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 6.
London.

64. Sir George Carteret to the Navy Comrs. The 700*l.* left by Mr. Maddocks at Portsmouth: after the last pay was collected for the chest there. Has found returns for 100*l.*; 450*l.* must be reserved to answer his promise to the governors of the chest, but if 150*l.* is of use, they may send a bill of imprest of that value; will then direct Mr. Tippet's observance of their commands. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 6.
Tilbury Hope.

65. Charles Hayward, of the *Garland*, to the Navy Comrs. Received order from Matthew Wren, his Highness's secretary, to bring the frigate there. The ship is in good condition under water, but had above water, and wants all sorts of stores. With note that he is to bring his ship to Deptford. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 6.
Berwick.

66. M. Scott to Williamson. Nothing of moment has happened there.

Oct. 6.
Portsmouth.

67. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Sir Jeremiah Smith, with the ships under his command, has sailed for the Downs, having been hitherto prevented by the storms.

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Portsmouth.

68. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. Sir Jeremiah Smith and Rear-Admiral Kempthorne, with nine or ten frigates, have gone for the Downs, leaving the *Dunkirk* and two others to obtain provisions and follow. A prize ship coming in from Guernsey, with two companies of Lord Hatton and Sir Edw. Charlton's disbanded soldiers, and supernumeraries of other companies, struck on the Flat, and was like to have been lost, but the tide helped her off.

Oct. 6.
York.

69. Jo. Mascal to Williamson. Asks advice and assistance; first lost all he had in the service, then by industry, got a little estate as postmaster there, but upon the Restoration, found that His Majesty had granted the place to Mr. Ellis, who being incapacitated to execute it, offered an assignment of it to the writer, which was accepted, but it cost him upwards of 100*l.*; since then has left his employment, let his house, and taken a place only fit for the post office, at 200*l.* charge, exclusive of horses and provisions, which is another 100*l.*, besides the loss of his credit, which is insupportable, and to complete the affliction, the person who succeeds him was once in actual service against the King. The city and country are in a quiet condition, but the cathedral and city do not agree so unaniously as is wished, insomuch that the Lord Mayor and Aldermen are building a large pew for themselves at Alhallow's in the Pavement, intending to resort thither at such times as they have usually gone to the minster; this puts an ill reflection on both parties.

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Oct. 6. Dover. 70. John Carlisle to Williamson. The Flanders packet was carried into Harwich by foul weather. Sir Jeremiah Smith has sailed with 15 or 16 ships for the Downs. Finds no hopes of his salary, and cannot get a penny for his disbursements. Will petition Lord Ashley, and if it will not come then, must desist or petition the Lords Commissioners [of Prizes], but craves his advice first.
- Oct. 6. Deal. 71. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. Sir Jeromiah Smith, with seven men-of-war and two prizes, has arrived in the Downs.
- Oct. 6. Deal. 72. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. Has attended Consul Tooker, who arriving in one of the packet boats, sent for him, hearing he was Williamson's servant, and commanded his attendance. Five Margate boats have been 25 days from Newcastle, and not yet heard of. The late winds have eaten away the chief waggon-way to the pier, and done some hurt to the housing. Sir Jeremiah Smith has arrived with 11 sail.
- Oct. 6. Plymouth Fort. 73. Sir John Skelton to Williamson. Asks him to further his application to Lord Arlington for a warrant for his salary. The Victory and Eagle came in, but the former has sailed for the Thames, and the latter will follow. Being dismissed from his office for prizes upon 1 November next, hopes His Majesty will give him and the other commissioners their whole year's salary, as it will be only two months more than their due.
- Oct. 6. Pembroke. 74. John Powell to James Hiekes. Colonel Cook came in, bound for Ireland, and Sir John Broderick is in the harbour, bound for Dublin, the Gift frigate being ordered to see them safe there. The packet was lost last post, between Cardiff and Swansea.
- Oct. 6. 75. John Powell to Williamson. To the same effect, adding that the posts in those parts are much to blame.
- Oct. 6. Reference to the Attorney General on the petition of Lord Lovelace, for the estate of Jns. Pyford, deceased. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 267.*]
- Oct. 7. Warrant to pay to Michael Arnold and John Tyson 100*l.*, for the relief of the poor of St. Margaret's parish, Westminster. [*Docquet.*]
- Oct. 7. Lyme. 76. Anth. Thorold to James Hiekes. Three vessels have arrived from Morlaix with linens, one of which went from Lyme before the peace was proclaimed, but met with a kind reception, and afterwards saw it published with great rejoicing, they being glad to have a trade going with the English. They talk much of a war with the Dutch. Several pieces of wreck have come ashore; fears some of our own vessels have gone ashore in the neighbour ports. A vessel from Barbadoes, about which there have been some fears, is making for the harbour.
- Oct. 7. Weymouth and Melcomb. 77. Chr. Sawtell to Edm. Sawtell. The two Ostenders are still there, and one private man-of-war; also a bark from St. Malo, belonging to Lyme, laden with linen, which she is to discharge at Weymouth, the goods belonging to Dorchester. There are still troublesome storms.

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Oct. 7. 78. John Pocock to James Hickey. An English vessel arrived
Weymouth. from Morlaix, laden with linen, says there are several barks lading
for England, and that the people are joyful at the pence. Notices of
vessels.

Oct. 7. 79. Rich. Bower to Williamson. There have 30 or 40 light colliers
Yarmouth. set sail for Sunderland and Newcastle. Sir Francis Compton's troop
went for Huntingdon. A fleet has arrived from Hull. The wind
being so high, the fishers have had no weather to drive for the
herrings, so that red herrings are likely to be scarce and dear.

Oct. 7. 80. Sir G. Downing to Williamson. The Lords of the Treasury
Treasury desire he will move Lord Arlington to write a letter to hasten
Chambers. Mr. Olanville from Flanders, as the whole account of the tin
Whitehall. business is stopped till he comes. Alderman Backwell will send
the letter to him. Asks for the King's warrant to the Lords of the
Treasury, concerning Sir Stephen Fox's 68,000*l*.

Oct. 7. 81. Thos. Holden to James Hickey. A States' man-of-war of 50
Falmouth. guns has been cast away upon the Lizard, and all her men lost, and
a Spaniard was in much danger. The Dove of Horne for Rochelle
came out of the Texel, with two States' men-of-war and 100 sail,
some bound for the Straits and some for France, 60 of which were
new ships and had never been at sea before, but were all separated
by the storm. A Plymouth ship bound for Barbadoes has put in,
after beating at sea for ten days.

Oct. 7. 82. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The merchantmen are still
Pendennis. detained by the weather, as also a Swede from Hamburg, and a
Dutchman from Amsterdam. Two Dutchmen came too near the
rocks off the Lizard, and sank in sight of the people, and several
pieces of the ships have since been cast ashore. A Genoese, richly
laden and bound for London, after being two days at anchor, was at
last cast on the rocks and broken to pieces, but all her men were saved.

Oct. 7. 83. John Man to Williamson. A vessel of the Forest of Dean,
Swansea. bound from Wexford, was thrown ashore ten miles from Swansea,
but the crew and passengers were saved, with most of the cattle, &c.,
aboard. Two other vessels from Ireland were also cast away, not
far from Swansea. The men saved the cattle in one, and what were
saved were seized, according to the late Act. Many of the vessels
that came out of Youghall and Wexford at the same time are sup-
posed to be cast away. A small vessel laden with corn was sunk,
and only three of the mariners and passengers saved.

Oct. 7. 84. Wm. Sarsfield, purser, to the Navy Comrs. Has but 14 days'
The Harp, provisions on board, having been ready to set sail near a fortnight.
King Road, Is ordered by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to go to Milford and
Bristol. thence to Waterford, and requires a month's provisions to serve
him to Dublin. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 7. 85. Sir Thos. Teddeman to the Navy Comrs. The men on the
Dover. two fire-ships are still depending, there being neither tickets nor
money to discharge them. A master came down to take possession

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1667. of the Dolphin fire-ship, but the men not being discharged, and no ordnance officers sent to take account of the remains of stores, has appointed their agent, Mr. White, to take the account. Sold the remains of old stores in Mr. White's custody, and will send an account. Has victualled the Forester for 200 soldiers. Asks what ships are ordered for shipping Col. Douglas's regiment. Wants cables for the Yarmouth and Forester. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 8. 86. Account of the distribution of 2,000*l.* ordered by the Treasury Comra. for special use, for purposes connected with the Navy. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 8. 87. Capt. Ben. Young to the Navy Comra. Asks for a supply
The Yarmouth, of stores named. Was slenderly furnished at Portsmouth, as the
Downs. ship was only intended to be abroad till peace was concluded. Was not out five days before he came there with a convoy of merchant ships. Lost the water boat upon the French coast, and was in hazard of losing the ship. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 8. 88. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comra. As he cannot be supplied with deals, &c., must leave some of the works of the Monmouth
Woolwich. to be done afloat. Asks orders as to bringing in the Royal James. Received the Hamburg deals from Deptford, but no tar. [*Adm. Paper, damaged.*]
- Oct. 8. 89. Comr. John Taylor to the Navy Comra. The tar is shipped
Harwich. in the galliot and ready to sail. Some of the calkers and carpenters cry out to be discharged, and have tickets, and would leave so much as will pay their debts; others say if some are discharged, they shall have no money. There is nothing but confusion among them; their hostesses deny them bread, and they vowed openly they would take it out of the market, to supply their hunger. Knows not what a little time will bring forth among them, but if they may stay together, be in pay, and do nothing, all will be quiet, enough. The Ordnance officers will not allow a single deal except those belonging to the Navy stores, most of which are cut into two or three pieces, and they stand upon it as if it were their own goods; and this although Navy stores were issued out to them, and the men did their work, to ease their charge. The boat with oars, that cost the King 20*l.*, shall be delivered to the fort, although that is the Tower's charge properly, Lord Berkeley having ordered payment for one which was lost. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 8. 90. Eight questions to be answered in writing by the boatswains
Navy Office. of all the ships at Chatham, as to their crew, when they took charge of the boats, the number of arms; when and to whom they surrendered the boat; what they did on each hour of June 11, 12, and 13, and by whose order; what time their boats were employed, &c. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 8. 91. Copy of the first 7 of the above questions. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 8. 92. Certificate by Thos. Lewis, that John Burton, purser of the
Victualling Office. Francis, has cleared his victualling account between 13 Oct. 1663, and 28 Feb. 1665. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Oct. 8. 93. John Clarke to James Hickey. A French vessel arrived from Plymouth. Morlaix, laden with linen, cloth, hemp, &c.; also two with coals from Wales.

Oct. 8. 94. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

Oct. 8.
Newcastle.

95. Rich. Forster to James Hickey. Met his friend Rogers on the Exchange, and they both went off to remember him, and when he meets Major Tolhurst, shall do the like. Details Mr. Swan's practices in removing him to get his place, which he could never have had, had he not got six or seven inconsiderable fellows to petition, and give a certificate that they never received their letters, though he believes they never had one in their lives. Mr. Auditor Alworth with the King and Queen's receivers are at his house, and dined with his friend the mayor. Sends his letters by Mr. Jenkins, the Queen-Mother's receiver for those parts.

Oct. 8.
Newcastle.

96. Rich. Forster to Williamson. All the laden colliers have gone. Hears of several wrecks upon the coast, and fears for vessels belonging to that port, they having very considerable lading, and many young men who have gone to take their freedom of the Merchants' Company.

Oct. 8.
Harwich.

97. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. A great Dutch flag-ship has arrived with an ambassador aboard, having lost all her anchors and cables but what she rides by; she sent for a pilot to sail her into the Thames. The Orange has left the Rolling Grounds, being one of the ships ordered for transporting Lord Douglas's regiment, but has come to anchor through the ill weather, at Landguard Fort, where ride other vessels, supposed to be a fleet of colliers bound for the Thames. Hears that several Ipswich ships have miscarried, the best collier ships in England. The seamen thereabouts call this weather Hurry-durry weather.

Oct. 8.
Portsmouth.

98. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The paymaster has brought 10,000*l.*, and they are paying off several ships that are to be laid up there.

Oct. 8.
Minchhead.

99. John Maurice to Williamson. The late proclamation has put an absolute stop to the irregular trade of importing Irish cattle, so that there is no fear of being troubled any more with those kind creatures. Hears of no news from the wreck, which is believed to have overset or foundered about the islands off Milford. Two French vessels are discharging salt in the harbour.

Oct. 8.
Euston.

100. Power to Edw. Colburne to act as deputy in preventing the destruction of the King's game of hare, pheasant, heron, &c., in and about Euston, Suffolk, to take away any guns, dogs, or nets, hurting or killing the same, and to certify the names of offenders that they may be punished. Endorsed [by Lord Arlington] "16 Oct. 1666. Power to Edw. Colburne to keep the game about Euston; the form to be mended, mention to be made of His Majesty's power given me."

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Oct. 8.

Reference to the Treasury Comrs. on the petition of Col. Ant. Gilby for a grant of a certain land or island lying in the Humber. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 262.*]

Oct. 9.

London.

101. James Hickee to Williamson. Desired that Mr. Ellis might be supplied with the written intelligence only for his satisfaction, but has received no reply; he deserves it as much as any who formerly held his office, as he cares as much for his lordship's honour and concerns as any person. The mails coming in so late is the reason of the delay in the letters.

Oct. 9.

102. "Advices received," being extracts from letters all calendared above.

Oct. 9.

103. Col. John Russell to Williamson. Desires that a commission may be prepared for Mr. Broughton to have Sir Godfrey Lloyd's company at Portsmouth. *Annexing,*

103. I. *List of five foot officers of Col. Russell's regiment, viz., Sir Walter Vane, Sir Rob. Holmes, and Captains Eaton, Wyan, and Stradling.*

Oct. 9.

Falmouth.

104. Thos. Holden to James Hickee. The Santo Cristo de Castello, a new ship built at Amsterdam, and laden with cloth and spices to the value of 50,000*l.*, has been cast away near the Lizard, and 25 men and women drowned: the captain and crew got ashore in their boat. They report that a Dutch pink and a Spaniard were also cast away.

Oct. 9.

Falmouth.

105. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding and his letter to Hickee of Oct. 7.

Oct. 9.

Yarmouth.

106. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The Milford frigate arrived from the northward. A Yarmouth vessel has been cast away upon the sands of Winterton, and the master and a boy lost. There are 50 or 60 sail in the roads.

Oct. 9.

Lyne.

107. Anth. Thorold to James Hickee. The Mayflower is arrived from Barbadoes. Finds some men on board her who were in the Norwich, at the destruction of the French fleet at Martinico by Sir John Harman, and who confirm that victory. They were met by the Anne and Elias on their way homeward, and carried into Waterford for security, but left when hostilities ceased. More wreck has come ashore about those parts.

Oct. 9.

Warrant for discharging the Farmers of Excise of London, Middlesex, and Surrey of 27,684*l.* rent, on account of their losses by the plague; and of 2,500*l.* for beer and ale brewed within the limits of their farm, and carried into other counties, vacating the former privy seal for 27,684*l.* [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 9.

Grant to Dame Catherine, relict of Sir John Sayer, of a pension of 200*l.* during pleasure, towards the maintenance and education of her children. [*Docquet, bis.*]

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Oct. [9.] Warrant for installing the first fruits of the bishoprick of Salisbury, being 1,246*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*, to Dr. Seth Ward, now bishop, to be paid in four years. [*Docquet.*]
- Oct. 9. Warrant to the Prize Comrs. to deliver the prize St. George, formerly lent to him on bond for three months, to Sir Robert Holmes, to be employed as a privateer. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 557.]
- Oct. 9. 108. Capt. Robt. Hooper to the Navy Comrs. Has been so long
Harp frigate, delayed by contrary winds that his provisions are expended. Desires
King Road. them to order the victualler to supply him, and shall take the first opportunity to sail. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 10. 109. St. J. Steventon to Sam. Pepys. Asks that his mother, a
Portsmouth. poor widow, may be appointed to look after the officers' house there, as Mrs. Bradford does at Chatham, if another commissioner be appointed to succeed Comr. Middleton. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 10. 110. James Pugh to Thomas Hayter. Received the Bristol's
Portsmouth. muster books, and wonders the Montague and Mary Rose's cannot be found. Mr. Whitfield or Mr. Clapham had them at the Treasury Office. Thinks they will begin to pay to-morrow, as the seamen are very discontented. With notes from Thos. Hayter to Thos. Curtis, entreating him to send what muster books are in the Treasury Office, Oct. 16, 1667; and from Thos. Curtis to T. Hayter, that he has sent the muster books of the two ships named and of the Constant Warwick. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 10. 111. Capt. John Strachan to the Navy Comrs. Details an angry
Edinburgh. conversation between himself, Mr. Bon, master, and the crew of the King's galliot, in the Parliament close. They called him a base man, &c.; but for respect for his Royal Highness and their Honours, would have made them a public example. Has spent or promised 70*l.* in loading hemp for the King's service, and is now persecuted about some few ropes, &c., out in Leith harbour. George Strachan can answer anything that could be proved, and both Bon and his men have been sufficiently diligent to sell away the King's stores before the galliot came to his hands. Desires them to clear him of the 40*l.* engaged for the Scotch seamen, as he sent up the accounts three months ago, and to write to that base fellow Bon, for offering him such a vile affront. [*Adm. Paper*, 2 pages.]
- Oct. 10. 112. M. Wren to the Navy Comrs. The Duke of York wishes a small vessel to be sent to the Buoy of the Nore, to give notice to great ships to go into Sheerness; though they cannot go up to Chatham, in regard the pilots will not venture to carry them by the sunken ships, yet it is judged better for them to ride at Sheerness than the Nore. Capt. Lloyd of the Plymouth, and two others are to be ordered to bring up their prizes to Woolwich, taking care that nothing be embezzled. Endorsed "Mr. Wren, about the coming in of Sir Jeremy Smith's squadron." [*Adm. Paper.*]

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The Rupert,
Busy of the
Nore.

113. Capt. John Hubbard to the Navy Comrs. Was ordered there by Sir Jer. Smith. Asks for further orders and a supply of provisions, having but sufficient for five days on board. Gives the names of four other ships come or coming in. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 10.
The Elias,
Downs.

114. John Pearce to Sir Wm. Penn. Begs pardon for not giving an account of his arrival, but was of Sir Jer. Smiths' squadron, and expected to have been ordered up, on account of the shortness of his provisions and the badness of his masts. Desires orders. Is glad to hear that Sir George Askew is come home. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 10.
Treasury
Chambers,
Whitehall.

115. Sir G. Downing to Sam. Pepya. The Treasury Comrs. want an account from week to week of ships paid off, and of the amount of growing charge diminished thereby. [*Adm. Paper.*]

[Oct. 10.]

116. Alphabetical list by Williamson of the members of the House of Commons, for the Parliament begun at Westminster, 8 May 1661, as they are returned into the Crown Office. [27 pages.]

Oct. 10.

117. Speeches of the King and Lord Keeper on the meeting of Parliament after the prorogation. [6 pages, printed. Also printed in *Lords' Journals*, Vol. XII. ff. 115 b, 116.]

Oct. 10.

118. Draft of the above speeches. [4 pages.]

Oct. 10.

Order on the petition of John Boswell, executor to John Ridge, that Sir Jas. Dillon see the petition, and return an answer to such part as concerns him, when the King will give further directions therein; also further reference, Oct. 25, on Sir Jas. Dillon's answer, to the Lord Lieutenant and Council of Ireland. [*Ent. Book 18, pp. 262, 264-265.*]

Oct. 10.

Reference on the petition of Thos. Martin, for leave to prosecute the Duke of Albemarle's warrant for taking thieves, to Justice Browne, who sat upon his trial, and who is to consider the evidence, and report whether he is a fit object of mercy. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 262.*]

Oct. 10.
Whitehall.

119. Sec. Morice to the Dean of Durham. His Majesty desires he will obey his letter of the 15th of March, 1666, as to confirming three leases tendered by the Bishop of Durham, or else, laying aside all further excuses and delays, attend before him, when he will hear what he has to object, as he pretends a desire to represent his objections, before he and the chapter be pressed to obey the said order. [*Copy.*]

Oct. 10.

120. Sir John Bennet to Lord Arlington. Asks for a warrant and a messenger to fetch Arthur Bracker, deputy postmaster at Rochester, and Henry Rouse, deputy postmaster at Dover, as the whole mail has miscarried, and only two or three loose bags are brought to the office, with letters so wet and abused that they can hardly be

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1667. recovered. His late warrant to Canterbury has done some service; hopes this will do more. He should get Sec. Morice to sign it also, because it looks like his [Lord Arlington's] own concern.
- Oct. 10. Warrant to a messenger to arrest the postmasters or deputy-postmasters of Dover and Rochester, for neglect in suffering the late foreign mails upwards to miscarry. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 558.]
- Oct. 10. 121. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The paymaster is paying off the seamen, and all things are in a good posture.
Portsmouth.
- Oct. 10. 122. John Powell to James Hickey. The *Gift* frigate is in the harbour, bound for Dublin, with Sir John Broderick and Colonel Cooke.
Fembroke.
- Oct. 11. 123. "Advices received," being extracts from letters all calendared above.
- Oct. 11. 124. Lord George Douglas to Williamson. In the pass for his horses granted by the King, "custom free" has been forgotten; had sent it back to Lord Arlington to be changed. Desires he will cause it to be sent to Mr. Brames, collector of customs at Dover; has promised to return it to him in two days. [2 pages.]
Dover.
- Oct. 11. 125. John Clarke to James Hickey. The ships bound to Virginia and other places named have sailed; only the *Sorlings* frigate is in the harbour.
Plymouth.
- Oct. 11. 126. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.
- Oct. 11. 127. D. G[rosse] to [Williamson]. A Genoese ship of 800 tons and 130 men, very richly laden, was cast away near the Lizard in Cornwall, and the ship, goods, and 30 of the men lost. She was a new ship and carried 40 guns, and with her cargo was reputed worth 100,000*l*. The men saved report that they saw a Dutch fly-boat sink near the same place, and that all the men were lost. Fears to hear more of the sad effects of the late violent storms. Some Plymouth ships bound for Virginia and other places are under sail, and the *Sorlings* has gone for Scilly, with the pay for the garrison.
Plymouth.
- Oct. 11. 128. Rich. Forster to Williamson. 20 colliers have come in. The same number were near the Bar, but the wind blowing hard, they all steered off to the south.
Newcastle.
- Oct. 11. 129. John Smith to Williamson. The weather has been very foul, and several ships belonging to places near have been cast away. Capt. Cary of Ostend lies about to watch for Frenchmen and Portuguese, and sold some fine paper and sugar, which he took out of a Portuguese vessel from Lisbon.
Margate.
- Oct. 11. 130. Rich. Bower to Williamson. 50 or 60 laden colliers have passed through the roads towards London; two of the fleet were lost on the sands between Yarmouth and Winterton, but the men

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saved. So much wreck is floating in the sea to the northward that those coming thence are named to see it. Several English and Scotch ships have sailed for Bordenux, and the Milford frigate for the southward.

Oct. 11.
London.

131. James Hickes to Williamson. Sir John [Bennet] will have either Mr. Stanney or his man to attend, and showed the privy seal, by which he is obliged to attend constantly to carry down the foreign as well as the inland letters. Mr. Stanney offers Charles 3*l*. more than formerly for bringing the letters on post nights only, when the work is treble and the expense must be great. Charles told his master he would undertake it, and performed it for 40*l*. a year, which he will dearly earn. Begg him to speak to Charles's master in his favour, as he well knows the labour and the uncertainty and reasonableness of the salary, and it will be hard if his master cannot afford 40*l*. per annum out of his salary to have his service done, when poor postmasters do much more for the seventh part.

Oct. 11.

132. Petition of the Merchant Adventurers to the King. In 1666, they seized a bale of baize, which was intended to be delivered within their privileges, but on application by — Lamot, ordered the delivery of the goods, on security of their not being carried to the River Elbe. Lamot neglecting to give security and take them, they were burnt at the late fire, and now Blomart, a stranger, brings a violent action against Thos. Thynne, their officer, for recovery of the goods. Request stay of proceedings, and a summons to Lamot to show cause of his prosecution.

Oct. 11.

Warrant to the Commissioners of Prizes to confirm a former order to the Lieutenant of Ireland for the delivery of the ship Hope of Henlope, a prize, to Sir Jeremy Smith, for good service in the late expedition. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 558.*]

Oct. 11.
Whitehall.

Warrant to Sir Wm. Wylde, recorder, and the Sheriffs of London to suspend, during pleasure, the sentence of burning in the hand, passed upon John Ogle and Thomas Jenney, convicted of manslaughter. [*Ent. Book 28, f. 66.*]

Oct. 11.
Whitehall.

The King to Sir Orlando Bridgeman, Lord keeper of the great seal. Charles Hewes, a widower, dying intestate, leaving only a son and a daughter, the son administered to the estate, the clear value of which was 3,000*l*.; the daughter, being unprovided for, sued her brother in the Prerogative Court for her portion, whereupon the son procured a prohibition from the Court of Common Pleas. The daughter pleaded that by ecclesiastical law she ought to have a portion, and the case was heard in the Common Pleas before himself (Sir Orlando), then Lord Chief Justice; but it remained undetermined, on account of a difference of opinion about the jurisdiction of the Civil and Ecclesiastical Courts. Requires him to have the matter settled by the judges of the Common Pleas, advising with the Privy Council, that subjects may not be put "to the expense and trouble of trying jurisdictions, instead of getting their just rights." [*Ent. Book 26, ff. 14*b*, 15.*]

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Oct. 11. Warrant for a grant to Rich. Toogood, B.D., of the place of Dean
Whitehall. of Bristol Cathedral, void; by the promotion of Dr. Glenham, to the
bishopric of St. Asaph. [*Ent. Book 27, p. 4.*]
- Oct. 11. 133. Account of 17 casks of beef and 18 of pork, shipped in the
Two Pilgrims, for the use of the fleet in the West Indies. [*Adm.
Paper.*]
- Oct. 11. 134. Richard Elkin to the Navy Comrs. Arrival of five ships
[Gravesend.] named. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 11. 135. Capt. John King to the Navy Comrs. Asks an order for a
The Diamond. supply of provisions, having received directions from His Royal
Highness to sail for the Humber; his purser has supplied so many
ships in the Hope that his own falls short. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 11. 136. M. Wren to the Navy Comrs. Sends orders for the ship
St. James's. appointed to the Nore; has not directed them, not knowing who
has charge of her. Capt. Crow is come back from Calais, with the
Henrietta yacht much damaged. Desires they will order her repairs.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 11. 137. Capt. John Hubbard to the Navy Comrs. In expectation
The Rupert, that this will come to their hands before his other sent by way of
Busy of the Chatham, repeats the account of his arrival, and want of stores
Nore. and orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 11. 138. Capt. Stephen Pyend to the Navy Comrs. Arrived there
The Amity, by Sir Jer. Smith's orders, with the Solomon prize, laden with deals
Hope. and timber. Asks a supply of provisions and further orders. [*Adm.
Paper.*]
- Oct. 11. 139. W. Bodham to the Navy Comrs. The poor Widow Lacy,
Woolwich who wrought the twice laid stuff in the yard, and for want of money
Ropeyard. through her son flying for debt, was forced to quit the employment,
has three bills, value 50*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*; for want of payment she is in a
most deplorable condition, owing most of it to about 15 people as
poor as herself, who torment her daily. Her credit is gone, she has
not a stick of wood or coals to lay on the fire, nor can be further
trusted for any; her indigent creditors are in as bad a case, and
theirs is a most and lamentation. Speaks knowingly, and without
any reward for his solicitation, and begs relief, as their Honours
have not a more necessitous object of charity among all the poor
that haunt the Treasury Office. Her tears and sighs have prevailed
on him to trouble them. [*Adm. Paper, damaged.*] *Encloses,*
139. I. *Petition of Katherine Lacy, widow, to the Navy Comrs.
for payment of three bills, given to her for work per-
formed at Woolwich ropeyard.* [*Damaged.*]
- Oct. 11. 140. J. Uthwat to Thos. Hayter. Mr. Bond, commander of the
Deptford. great galliot directed to attend the island of Shetland, was ordered
by the King and Council to be paid by the Council of Scotland;

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they, not knowing the rate of wages, have deferred his payment. Not having a printed paper of the rates, has drawn up a list of the sixth rate, which is what concerns him, and if it is right, desires he will affix his seal of office to it, and get it attested by the Navy Comrs. Mr. Bond will not be wanting in his thanks. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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141. Denis Gauden to Sam. Pepys. Acquaints him that this is the season for providing flesh and other necessaries for victualling the Navy for the ensuing year, so that the service may not suffer for want of timely notice. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 12.

Chatham.

142. Certificate by Edw. Gregory and eight others that Wm. Bostock, jun., is fit to execute the place of master joiner in the yard at Chatham in the room of his father, Wm. Bostock, sen. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 12.

Little Victory.

143. Capt. Thos. Blackman to Sam. Pepys. Sailed out of the Humber with the ships, but lost their company the first night by bad weather, and arrived at Woolwich yesterday. Would have given this account personally, but is disabled by a fit of ague. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 12.

Rye.

144. Capt. James Welsh to Williamson. Five companies of Lord Douglas's regiment have departed for France, to the great satisfaction of the people there, whom they abused shamefully, notwithstanding the civility and courtesy shown in quartering them for the most part in private houses. The officers are most to blame, having encouraged them in their baseness. Believes there were not above 50 in a company, as they were daily running away since they came to the town.

Oct. 12.

Weymouth.

145. Chr. Sawtell to Edm. Sawtell. The Ostender has sailed; three other ships intend to put to sea. Hopes the easterly winds will produce some colliers, Weymouth being badly provided with winter stores of fuel.

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West Cowes.

146. John Lysle to Williamson. About 30 ships from places named have dropped in, and others have gone out.

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Harwich.

147. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Saw 50 laden colliers bound upwards, and several light ones have passed for Newcastle. The Milford has come in with a prize, which she intends for London. Hopes his last letter to Lord Arlington for his salary will prove effectual, if Williamson has thought fit to deliver it.

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Dover.

148. Ja. Houseman to Williamson. Could not send the enclosed without presentation of his services.

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Oct. 13.

1. List of seven bills [proposed to be offered to Parliament] and note of committees to be appointed on the export of horses and the strengthening the kingdom against invasion; on the examination of public accounts; on the privilege of freedom of speech in Parliament; and on the obstructions to public business. Headed Oct. 12-13.

Oct. 13.

Deal.

2. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. The East India pink ran aground on the Brakehead, but was got off, and is safe in the Downs. The Scots under the command of Lord Douglas have been shipped. They have done much mischief by the way, killing the farmers' poultry, sheep, and hogs.

Oct. 13.

Berwick.

3. M. Scott to Williamson. Hears that at a general assembly of the ministers in Edinburgh, some small stir happened betwixt them and the people of the city, and that some of the ministers had their cloaks cut.

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Plymouth Fort.

4. Sir John Skelton to Williamson. The Marygold from Barbadoes has brought 100 and odd letters and packets. A Dutch ship from Martinico has arrived. Lord Bath on his departure left a letter signed by Lords Arlington and Berkeley, complaining of the abuse to the Post Office, for want of due care in delivering to the office letters brought by ships. No ship has come from any foreign part but he has commanded the master ashore, and examined him as to what letters he has aboard, and ordered them to be sent up to the Post Office. Hopes he will procure him his warrant.

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Plymouth.

5. John Clarke to Williamson. Three vessels arrived from Virginia, Gamero, St. Malo, &c., report that a Dutch man-of-war had done much hurt about Gamero, and had taken a rich merchant ship laden with logwood from that island, and six of our privateers, all of which he decoyed by carrying the King's jack and English colours.

Oct. 13.

Fenbroke.

6. John Powell to James Hickey. The Gift frigate, Capt. Fletcher, commander, has sailed for Waterford.

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7. John Powell to Williamson. To the same effect.

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Portsmouth.

8. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. All things are quiet in these parts. The ships that came with Sir Robert Holmes are paying off, and are to be laid up there.

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Portsmouth.

9. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. No ships are at Spithead, but the Paradox and a merchantman. The Dragon and the Deptford ketch have been paid off, and they are daily paying others.

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Portsmouth.

10. James Pugh to Sir John Mennes. Has paid the Happy Return and Dragon, and the men took their money and tickets very quietly. Will pay the Montague next, which will have a great deal of pay due upon tickets. The first two ships came to about 1,700*l.* or 1,800*l.* a-piece. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Oct. 13. 11. James Pugh to Thos. Hayter. No muster books have come
Portsmouth. for the rest of the six ships that are to be paid. Has paid the
Dragon and Happy Return, and the seamen took their money very
quietly; wishes the Montague's may do the same. The money
remaining will not pay three more. The air there does not agree
with him. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 13. 12. Capt. Wm. Coleman to the Navy Comrs. Has had a very
The Hampshire. great storm since his departure from the Humber; the prizes proving
Bay of the very leaky, and not being able to ride, were all separated. Asks an
Nore. order for victuals; has had no beer for five or six days. [*Adm.
Paper.*]
- Oct. 13. 13. Account of beef and pork in casks delivered to the ship
Amity, J. Wright master, for Sir John Harman's squadron in the
West Indies. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*
13. 1. *Bill of lading by Joseph Wright, for provisions named,
shipped by Sir Denis Gauden in the Amity, and to be
delivered at Barbadoes to Sir John Harman or Lord
Willoughby, for the use of His Majesty's ships in the
West Indies. [Printed form, filled up.]*
London, 11 Nov. 1667.
- Oct. 14. 14. Wm. Penn to the Navy Comrs. Presents the rest of the
Kinsale. muster books of seven vessels, which he could not send before, de-
pending on having sea books from the pursers.
- Oct. 14. 15. Capt. Thos. Bridgeman to Sir Wm. Penn. Arrived there
The Guernsey. yesterday, with the Hampshire and one of the Dutch men-of-war.
Bay of the Has been off the ground ever since 16 April, and the ship wants
Nore. repairs, victuals, and stores. Is ordered to come up to the Hope.
[*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 14. 16. Edw. Gregory to the Navy Comrs. Has forwarded their
Chatham. orders to certain gunners and boatswains. Has examined Wm.
Knight, who confesses he saw Capt. Edw. Morecock, an inhabitant
of Chatham, put two lads into Richard Yarwood's boat and launch
her off, but can give no account what became of her. Has given
their orders to the storekeeper, shipwright's assistants, and officers of
ships. Four ships named require pilots to bring them up the river,
but none dare undertake it without special orders. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 14. 17. Sir Wm. Coventry to the Navy Comrs. Hears that most of
the money sent to Portsmouth is paid, so fears the paying will stand
still, whilst the Treasurer of the Navy is supposed to have money in
hand, come in upon loans on assignments for seamen's wages,
sufficient to continue it. Desires they will consult with Lord An-
glesey as to paying some ships in the river, till more money can be
sent to Portsmouth, that the charge may be cut off, and that the
tickets of seamen coming from Portsmouth may be dispatched.
Thinks 5,000*l.* or 6,000*l.* could be furnished for this purpose. [*Adm.
Paper.*]

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Oct. 14. Deptford. 18. Jbnas Shish, master shipwright [at Deptford], to the Navy Comre. Great want of stores named; and Edward Hulbert has a parcel of timber and knees, and will afford them a good penny-worth if they will furnish him with 100*l*. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 14. 19. Sir Edward Spragg to Mr. Pearse. Sends articles put into his hands by Capt. King against his surgeon; desires he will send another to the Hope to supply his place; he is a wicked, troublesome fellow, and the Diamond is to be one of the winter guard. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Prefixing,*
19. *L. Capt. John King and A. Lawson of the Diamond to Sir Edw. Spragg, Vice-Admiral of the Blue squadron, and commander-in-chief of the ships in the Thames. Exhibit five articles of complaint against John Standing, surgeon, and Richard Roberts, his mate, as being of evil behaviour, drunkards, refusing to attend on the sick, and threatening that if the captain and other officers named fall into their hands, they will do their business for them. Desires they may be removed out of the ship, as their threats have caused several of the ship's company to refuse to go to sea in her, if they do.*
The Diamond, Tilbury Hope, Aug. 10, 1667.
- Oct. 14. Chester Castle. 20. Sir Geoffry Shakerley to Williamson. Has lately buried his mother, to whom he is executor; would willingly give some settlement to the estate before coming up to Westminster, by proving her will, which will not take long. Thanks him for supplying him with intelligence, and prays its continuance.
- Oct. 14. Truro. 21. Hugh Acland to Williamson. A vessel from Morlaix with linen cloth reports that several Dutch vessels have been stopped by the French King, and it is believed there will speedily be a quarrel betwixt those old confederates.
- Oct. 14. Falmouth. 22. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. The Margaret of Bristol and the Friendship of London have gone for Virginia and the Straits, the latter laden with pilchards. Two others have come in.
- Oct. 14. 23. "Advices received," being notes from letters all calendared above.
- Oct. 14. West Cores. 24. John Lysle to Williamson. The Fortune, a privateer from Nieuport, reports that Flanders is providing store of privateers against the French, and that the easterly wind has brought out above 30. She met with 19 Hollanders, amongst which were three Frenchmen, one of which, laden with piece goods, she boarded and took; the ships had a Holland convoy of 48 guns, besides the merchantmen, which fired upon him mainly, but he sent away the prize for the first port they could get, and it is supposed to be at Dover or Rye. The troop under Sir Henry Jones has departed for Hereford, where they are ordered to be quartered. Many there were sorry to lose their company, as being the main stay in the late troubles. Prays, if the articles of peace concluded by the plenipo-

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- Oct. 14. 25. Jo. Carlisle to Williamson. Thanks for the gazette and pro-
Dover. clamations, for which the postmaster charged 8*d.*; if there is not some remedy for such things, it will become expensive corresponding. Lord Douglas and Sir James Hamilton's troops of horse and foot have been put aboard, to be transported for Dieppe, and 40 foot, under the command of Capt. Hosier, are going on board the Sweepstakes for Dieppe. A vessel from Holland ran ashore at the pier head, by the ignorance or wilfulness of the skipper. A small French vessel laden with coal and deal boards, taken by an Ostender, has been sent into the harbour.
- Oct. 14. Warrant for the restitution of temporalities to the Bishop of St. Asaph. Minute. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 65.*]
- Oct. 14. Commission for Alex. Frazer to be ensign to Capt. — Bennet's company in Col. Russell's regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 11.*]
- Oct. 14. Pass for Sir Ant. De Marces into France on the King's secret service. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 560.*]
- Oct. 14. Pass for Mr. Shere into Spain. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 560.*]
- Oct. 14. Pass for 100 horses to the Barbadoes. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 560.*]
- Oct. 14. Patent to Mathew Poole, M.A., of the sole printing for 14 years of his "*Synopsis Criticorum.*" [*Latin. Ent. Book 25, ff. 35b, 36.*]
- Whitehall.
- Oct. 15. Warrant to Sir Wm. Wylde, recorder, and the Sheriffs of London, to release John Ogle and Thomas Jenney, convicted at the Old Bailey of manslaughter of Thos. Danby, they having severally prayed their book and read as clerks. They were respited from burning in the hand, and now have the King's gracious pardon. [*Ent. Book 28, f. 6b.*]
- Oct. 15. 26. Proposal for passing an Act for gauging all glass and earthen vessels used for measures, those of pewter now being only used, and for a commission to be issued to some one, for sealing them, at the ordinary charge of 1*d.* a quart measure, and $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* a smaller one, for which he will pay 1,000*l.* a year. Endorsed: "Mr. Murray about regulating weights." [*1½ pages.*]
- [Oct. 15.] 27. Petition of George Tomlin, His Majesty's embellisher,
[Whitehall.] flourisher, and writer, to Lord Arlington, to recommend him to the Treasury Comrs. for payment of 396*l.*, due for work done for the King five or six years ago, for which he has warrants on Sir Edw. Griffin, treasurer of the chamber, but has received no satisfaction, and is almost ruined.
- Oct. 15. Reference of the above petition to the Treasury Comrs., with order for speedy payment from the next moneys due to the Treasury Chamber. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 263.*]

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Oct. 15. Warrant to pay to Baptist May, for the privy purse, 448*l*, being the fines on the manor of East Moulsey, Surrey, the ferries called Hampton Court Ferry and Hampton Ferry, and the fishing in Cobham River. [*Docquet.*]
- Oct. 15. Warrant to pay to Wm. Avery, for fortifications at Sheerness. 10,000*l*. out of the 11 months' tax, vacating a privy seal of 15th Aug. last for the like sum. [*Docquet.*]
- Oct. 15. 28. John Clarke to James Hickey. No ships have arrived since
Plymouth. his last, except one or two from the eastward.
- Oct. 15. 29. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.
- Oct. 15. 30. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Thanks for kindness
Hull. whilst in London; will be always ready to serve him with news; sends the names of ships in the Humber, many of which are coming and going daily now the peace is concluded, as they need no convoy. Intends to send him a harrel of Hull ale for a taste, by the first vessel that goes for London.
- Oct. 15. 31. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Capt. Roach, lately dis-
Portsmouth. handed, is shipping soldiers for the service of the French King.
- Oct. 15. 32. Rich. Forster to Williamson. There has been a great con-
Newcastle. venticle of near 200; the churchwardens and some of the mayor's officers went to apprehend or take notice of them, but most of them escaped; the mayor has not above 28 of their names; these he intends to have before him. Their speaker was Farsayd, a suspended minister, a bark man, who was taken and hrought to church during sermon.
- Oct. 15. 33. Sir Nic. Armorer to Williamson. Thanks God he is there, after
8 p.m. one of the greatest storms had this year. Left Duhlin at 8 a.m.,
Holyhead. and is hastening to him as fast as he can. The beasts in Wales being so bad, has brought over his own horses, which he intends to ride till he meets with some good post horses. [2 pages.]
- Oct. 15. 34. [C. Sawtell] to Edm. Sawtell. The three vessels bound for
Weymouth. France have been detained by contrary winds. Two harks have arrived from London; eight or ten ships are in Portland Road, but cannot hear what they are.
- Oct. 15. 35. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Two passage boats have
Harwich. come in from Holland with many passengers, which give an account of the loss of the Essex man-of-war, with 200 men in her; their dead bodies were cast upon the shore. She was a vessel taken by the Dutch from the English, and was going out upon some design, when cast away off the Vlie.
- Oct. 15. 36. Comr. John Taylor to the Navy Comrs. Has received a letter
Harwich. from Messrs. Marsh and Sherburne, officers of ordnance, who are offended with the Navy servants, for taking a few deals for the use of the service, without authority. Capt. Deane is in London, and can

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give information. The Ordnance Office has put the Navy Office to a charge of thousands, since the war began, by using their lighters and men for guns, sinking and turning adrift boats, and never returning what was lent them. Will give them as many deals in return, if he can find any as bad.

Oct. 15.
Treasury
Chambers,
Whitehall.

37. Sir George Downing to Sam. Pepys. Is again desired by the [Treasury Comrs.] to write for weekly accounts of ships paid off, and how much of the growing charge has been diminished. They are also to prepare the books of more ships for paying off. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 15.
Victualling
Office,
London.

38. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. Desires that the pursers of ships returned into harbour, and especially those appointed to go out again to the Straits, may be ordered to pass their accounts, as some have not accounted for three years; shall else be constrained to charge the cask, iron hoops, and biscuit bags, which they have not returned. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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39. John Cox and four others to [the Navy Comrs.] Sends an account of a survey and appraisal made of 13 ships ordered for sale. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]

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40. Account of beef and pork in casks delivered to the ship William and Thomas, for the fleet in the West Indies. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Annexing,*

40. I. *Bill of lading by Thos. Boud, master of the William and Mary, for provisions named, shipped by Sir Denis Gauden for Barbadoes, to be delivered to Sir John Harman or Lord Willoughby, for the use of His Majesty's fleet. [Printed form filled up.] London, Nov. 11, 1667.*

Oct. 16.
The Sweepstakes,
Downs.

41. Capt. Fras. Saunders to the Navy Comrs. Sailed from the Downs, by order of Lord Douglas, on the 11th, and received the soldiers bound for Dieppe, at Dover on the 14th, but has been obliged by a storm to cut away anchor and cables. Shall give Sir Thos. Teddeman an account of the loss, and where to find them, having buoyed them both. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 16.
Hall.

42. Jos. Blaydes to the Navy Comrs. The Hampshire prize is not in Scarborough Piers, but without and sunk. Will set forth for Scarborough, and give a full account of her condition, and whether there be any hopes of saving her. Is in a great strait for money, and destitute of friends. Hopes they will consider his case. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 16.

Warrant to pay to Sir Stephen Fox 12,810*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*, as interest and charges for borrowing and advancing 221,071*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* for payment of the Guard, &c., from 21 Jan. 1665 to 29 Sept. 1666. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 16.

Warrant that as on account of the great advantage and credit gained to the Exchequer, by the Act of Parliament for registering and paying in course the several sums granted on the respective

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Acts, the King wishes to put some part of his revenue in the same method, the Treasury Comrs. are to agree with the Farmers of Customs for payment of 8,000*l.* a fortnight, and all orders for issuing the said moneys are to be registered; also tallies of loan are to be struck, and orders for repayment with interest to be made to any persons lending the King money on this fund. [*Docquet.*]

- Oct. 16¹ 43. Petition of Sir Edward Carteret to the King, for some reward for 16 years' service, during and since His Majesty's banishment, as promised him. His present place is of little profit, and the allowance so ill paid that he is two years in arrears.
- Oct. 16. Warrant for a grant to Sir Edw. Carteret and John Barcroft of the estate of James Pyford, of Snowhill, co. Gloucester, deceased without heir. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 563.*]
- Oct. 16. Commission for — Read to be ensign in Capt. Willm. Eyton's company of foot guards, under Col. John Russell. Minute. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 12.*]
- Oct. 16. 44. Jas. Baskerville to Jas. Hickey. The city is in a healthful and peaceful condition, and general preparations are being made by all vessels for sea. Expects some in daily, by the westerly winds.
- Oct. 16. 45. Thos. Holden to Jas. Hickey. Thirty French merchantmen belonging to the Grande Partie arrived, bound for salt, with two convoys; also the *Mary* of Rochelle, laden with wine and salt, for Waterford.
- Oct. 16. 46. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding and his letter to Hickey of Oct. 14.
- Oct. 16. 47. R. H[opc] to Williamson. Nathaniel Harryman, a draper, has been elected mayor; his prudence and untainted active loyalty are eminent, and from his government much satisfaction is expected. Francis Harryman, apothecary, and brother of the mayor, and Wm. Greenway, mercer, are the sheriffs, Edw. Owen and Sam. Alsop, chamberlains and Thos. Black, and Abra. Clark, wardens.
- Oct. 16. 48. John Pocock to James Hickey. Has received but one written letter from Mr. Hemson since the proclamation of peace. An English barque from St. Malo, forced in there, reports trade to be going on very cheerfully in that part of France.
- Oct. 16. 49. "Advices received," being notes from letters all calendared above.
- Oct. 16. 50. John Lyde to Williamson. Twenty-two sail of Dutch and West Cowes. other vessels have been driven in for shelter; also a small Frenchman, which is detained until the *Nieuport* caper has sailed 24 hours, unless he go that time before, according to the rules of the port. The Dutchmen came from home, with a fleet of 90 sail, and without any convoy; the rear part is supposed to be in the Downs.

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Yarmouth.

51. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Two vessels arrived from Rotterdam with merchant goods report much shipwreck on the coast. There is great loss of ships, and abundance of wreck is seen, several pieces of which have been taken up on the shore. A ship has run ashore belonging to Lord Carlisle, laden with coals, and having several passengers, some of whom are his lordship's servants, with goods of considerable value belonging to him under their charge. There are many complaints of delays at the post office; the fault rests with the stages between Colchester and Saxmundham, which is 32 miles, and which they are 22 hours riding. The general talk is that there will be more neglect, through hating down the postmasters' salaries; the Yarmouth postmaster is only allowed 30*l.* a year to pay all expenses, and keep a couple of horses to ride the stage three times a week, in all weathers and hours, and to sit up and receive letters, burning fire and candle. If any undertake the service at such rates, he must cheat his master in the letters that pay postage, to make up his salary. The present postmaster had formerly 70*l.* per annum, but was at last brought to 50*l.*, which is thought as little as can be allowed. With postscript that Lord Carlisle's ship is got off, and is riding at anchor.

Oct. 16.
Lynn.

52. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. The happy meeting between His Majesty and his Parliament gives infinite content and satisfaction to the people in general. Hears by one from Amsterdam that the Essex frigate, taken from us by the French, was lost in the Texel, and that there is very much wreck thereabouts. A fleet was expected at Amsterdam from Hull, and two vessels from Lynn, the safety of which is much doubted. The people are healthful and the militia well settled.

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53. D. Lady Temple to Williamson. Is informed by Lord Arlington that he has signed the account of her husband's extraordinaries, and directed it with a letter to the Lords of the Treasury. Begs he will excuse her not waiting upon him for it, and give it to her servant, as she must go to the Commissioners with it as soon as possible.

Oct. 17.
Harwich.

54. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Sends his petition, and must leave it to him to show it to Lord Arlington, or let Mr. Lloyd present it. If Mr. Lloyd would be persuaded to take care to deliver it when Lords Arlington and Ashley were there, should promise himself a good account of it.

Oct. 17.
Harwich.

55. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The account of the loss of the Essex on the coast of Holland proves true. De Ruyter's ship lost her mainmast, two anchors, &c., in the same storm, and was near being wrecked, with many more of his ships, on their way home. Mr. Meerman, the ambassador, with some of his attendants and goods, put in to Harwich, but has left. The captain of the Francis, through the sadness of the storm, was severed from the colliers he was conveying out of Newcastle. Some reported lost have arrived, but others have certainly perished.

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- Oct. 17. 56. Rich. Bower to Williamson. The hoy which he petitioned
Yarmouth. for at 43*l*., the appraised value, has been sold in London for 26*l*. ;
and another small prize, appraised at 30*l*., for 18*l*. No notice was
given of the sale until the day before, and George Potts, of the
Prize Office, has bought the hoy. Had he known of the sale in
time, would have given 100*l*. for the two. By the time the charge
in looking after them is paid by the King, there will be little or
nothing left. There are good hopes of an after fishing.
- Oct. 17. 57. Rich. Forster to James Hickes. A considerable fleet of laden
Newcastle. colliers is waiting to sail with the first fair wind. If a master of a
ship brings him a general acquittance from George Peiree, requests
him to send it.
- Oct. 17. 58. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. The stormy wind drove 13
Portsmouth. Dutch merchantmen and a small States' man of-war into St. Helen's
Road. On the 13th, a covey of partridges flew over from Gosport
in the evening, and settled by the main guard, within a pike's
length of the sentinel, who let them alone all night, and in the
morning they advanced as far as the market place, running in good
order, till finding they were perceived, and one of their companions
driven into a house, they took wing. This may be a fit subject for
the wits of Gresham College.
- Oct. 17. 59. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. All public affairs are in a
Portsmouth. good condition, and merchant ships go quietly up and down without
distrust.
- Oct. 17. 60. John Powell to Williamson. None of His Majesty's frigates
Pembroke. are in harbour, and only a few colliers bound for Ireland.
- Oct. 17. 61. Petition of Capt. Henry Nicoll to the King, for an abatement
Whitehall. in the price of the Sea Fortune of Amsterdam, and the Wild Boar,
which he has purchased for 1,000*l*., to bring timber from Ireland
for the rebuilding of London. Was very active in the Restoration,
and expended much money in carrying the address out of Devon-
shire to General Monk at Nottingham, and surprising the Castle
of Windsor, the night the General broke down the city gates with
gunpowder and other utensils of war. Has laid out his small
fortune in Irish lands since the Restoration ; has had the third part
taken away, and been at a great expense in keeping the rest, which
has weakened and incumbered the residue ; for the clearing of his
debt, has cut down a considerable quantity of timber, and endea-
voured to hire shipping for its transportation, but finding it so
dear that it would not turn to account, has bought the two ships
named. With reference thereon to the Lords Comrs. of Prizes,
and their report, Oct. 28, that as the petitioner has deserved
very well by reason of his early activeness for the Restoration,
having expended considerably therein, and received no recompense,
he should have the Wild Boar for 276*l*. 9*s*., being the amount she
is valued at, and also a year's time for payment. *Annexing,*

61. 1. *Certificate by the Duke of Albemarle and the Earl of
Anglesey, that Henry Nicholl was very instrumental in*

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the Restoration, and rode as far as Nottingham with the addresses of the western gentlemen, to meet the Duke of Albemarle, and when the Rump Parliament and the Duke were at difference, Mr. Nicoll, having acquaintance with the garrison of Windsor Castle, the Duke gave him a commission to possess himself of the garrison, which he did, thereby securing that place, with all the arms and ammunition therein. July 29, 1661.

Oct. 17. Licence to Sir Hen. Jones to export 40 horses into France custom free. Minute. [*Ent. Book 25, p. 36.*]

Oct. 17. Restitution of the temporalities of the bishopric of St. Asaph to Dr. Henry Glenham from the death of the late bishop. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 17. 62. M. Wren to the Navy Comrs. Desires they will direct the delivery of stores named to Mr. Hill, master of His Royal Highness's barges, for the use of his shallop. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 17. 63. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comrs. Intends launching the Mary on Wednesday, and docking the Princess. Requires 200 Hambro' deals or fir timber for the purpose, and other stores named to carry on the works; also a supply of reed from Deptford. Begs their honours to agree with Mr. Abbott for his elm timber, as soon as money is to be had, or will not be able to proceed. [*Damaged. Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 18. 64. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comrs. Samuel Walsall, his assistant, having died, recommends John Acworth, an able shipwright and artist, and carpenter in the new ship building here, to fill his place. Asks for a supply of deals and reed from Deptford. Marked Mr. Eastwood. *Damaged. Adm. Paper.*

Oct. 18. 65. Sir Denis Gauden to the Navy Comrs. There being a great quantity of beef and pork in the stores at several ports, which will be a great loss if not disposed of this winter, conceives that in lieu of butter and cheese on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, it would be convenient to deliver flesh. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

65. I. *Amount of the allowance of provision proposed to be delivered to each man on Wednesdays and Fridays, substituting meat for fish.*

65. II. *Similar calculation by [Sam. Pepys] with reference to the ships under the command of Sir Thos. Allin and three others.* 19 Nov. 1667.

Oct. 18. 66. Capt. Robt. Robinson to Sam. Pepys. Is there according to orders from Comr. Middleton, and will remain till further directions; the ship is as strong and fitting as any for employment. The accident at sea was occasioned by some of the gun deck ports breaking open in a storm. Intended to keep at sea as long as his victuals lasted, and to accompany the flagship that had spent its mainmast

The Warspite,
off
Quinborough.

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in the storm, and has since been fitted at Kinsale. His master has lately died at Plymouth; if his ship be employed, and himself in her, begs to propose his own master. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 18.
The Milkmaid,
Kilmar River.

67. Thos. Stollard to the Navy Comrs. Has been waiting 26 days for orders from Squire Gauden's deputy, and desires instructions; his victualling having been out six weeks, has been forced to victual on his own credit, at a high rate, there being no dealers in such a remote place, and the victualler at Kinsale refusing to supply him without orders. Has heard of a great quantity of timber, plank, &c., which can be delivered aboard any ship,—the straight timber, squared, at 17s., compass timber at 23s., and knees and standards at 30s. per ton. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 18.
Dartmouth.

68. Jo. Lindsey to James Hickey. Sends the description of a mare lost, and desires him to insert it in the Gazette; if any can give news of her, they are to send to him at Dartmouth, and they shall be contented for their pains.

Oct. 18.
Treasury
Chambers,
Whitchall.

69. Advertisement that,—whereas 16 Oct. was the day appointed to receive proposals for farming the excise, on which day divers proposals were brought to the Treasury Comrs., but for certain counties none were brought in,—Wednesday next, Oct. 23, is appointed for receiving final proposals, either for the farm in general, or for particular counties. Signed by Sir G. Downing.

Oct. 18.

70. "Advices received," being extracts from letters calendared above and from the following:

Bruges, Oct. $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{2}{3}$: The French garrisons are sickly. The plague rages at Lisle, but there is none in the Spanish quarters. Lord Castlehaven's regiment is reduced by sickness from 1,200 to 600, and those are very sickly. A quarrel happened at Ghent between the English and the townsmen, and 20 soldiers with Capt. Savage were hurt, as well as some of the citizens. A placard addressed to all the Spanish Governors directs them, in their contributions, to command them principally from the places under French jurisdiction. The soldiers are quartered amongst the scholars at Douay, and the religious houses taxed. The Spanish ambassador and lady went for England, in His Majesty's yacht.

Hamburg, Oct. 5: The principal Jews have been arrested at Vienna, for raising differences amongst themselves, and endeavouring to publish things to the disturbance of the public. The Queen of Poland's funeral is over, with great splendour. General Wrangel has gone to the duchy of Bremen, but Queen Christina is still at Hamburg. The King of Denmark is at Glückstadt; the Duke of Brunswick and Lunenburg has passed homewards, but the Duke of Holstein is not yet come. The Bishop of Osnaburg seems confident the greatest part of the empire will stick close to the house of Austria. The Queen of Denmark presented the Duchess of Osnaburg with a ring worth 7,000 rixdollars. The Bishop of Munster is there incognito. [3 pages.]

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Oct. 18. 71. Wm. Symons to James Hickey. Trade has so advanced since the peace, that all the biggest vessels of the town, formerly employed in the coal trade, are engaged to foreign parts, which has much advanced the price of coals there, as also that of woollen cloth; this gives encouragement to the traders in these commodities.

Oct. 18. 72. Dr. Guy Carleton to Williamson. Recommends John Richison, of Bolton, Westmoreland, for a headsman in Carlisle church; he is a very poor man, and was undone in vindication of the Church's right. Dr. Smith took his chiding patiently, and laughed it over, but it will impress him to amendment. *Annexing,*

72. 1. *Petition of John Richison to the King, for a headsman's place in Carlisle Church; was loyal during the late wars.*

Oct. 18. Commission for Rob. Annesley to be ensign to Capt. Walter's company in the regiment of Foot Guards, under Col. John Russell. Minute. [*Ent. Book 29, p. 12.*]

Oct. 19. Order granting the petition of Sir George Downing, Sir Wm. Doyley, and John Loving, for change of reference from the late Lord Chancellor and Lord Treasurer to the Lord Keeper and Treasury Comrs., to consider whether a writ of error, unduly procured by Edm. Squib, teller of the Exchequer, after judgment given in Chancery for His Majesty, ought to be allowed. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 263.*]

Oct. 7. 73. Statement, that Edm. Squib, as assignee of his late brother Arthur, pretends to his office of teller of the Exchequer, and has for four years persecuted John Loving, appointed to that place by the King. The tellers request that the Lord Keeper may be informed that the King will not have Squib imposed upon him contrary to his will, and that a writ of error is not to be allowed.

Oct. 19. Grant to John Earl of Rochester of a pension of 1,000*l.* a year, as gentleman of the bedchamber. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 19. Warrant from Lord Arlington to Sir John Mennes, to deliver to John Bradley, messenger of the Chamber, all the books and papers in his possession relative to the East India prizes taken by the Earl of Sandwich, the said papers to be brought to himself. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 564.*]

Oct. 19. 74. Anth. Thorold to James Hickey. A vessel arrived from Lyme. Rotterdam says they expressed great kindness to the English, but ran out highly against the French, and are resolved to lend assistance for Flanders. One from St. Malo tells of great preparations making against the next spring for Flanders, and of orders for entertaining on noble terms any that shall come as soldiers from England, Scotland, or Ireland. The French have lost many vessels at sea by the Ostenders, and are afraid to trade from port to port.

Oct. 19. 75. Ri. Watts to Williamson. There have been violent storms and very much rain. The ships in the Downs lie snug, and scarcely a

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bout a day comes ashore; those that do are commonly sunk after the men are out, but with help, soon secured. Thanks for the King's speech, which the gentry have read, and are glad for His Majesty's grace to his people. Gave his packet for Sir J. Lucas to Capt. Barker.

Oct. 19.
Newcastle.

76. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Fifty laden colliers have sailed, and the same number of light ones come in. A ship that sailed out from that port was not out many hours before she was forced upon a place called the Head, where she went to pieces, and all her men were lost.

Oct. 19.
West Cowes.

77. John Lysle to Williamson. The Prince William on Horseback, from Flushing, Solomon Lesage, commander, which committed the exploits at Virginia, has arrived, and is ordered to convoy several Dutch and French ships bound to France. The fleet remains there by the violence of the storms.

Oct. 19.
Letter Office.

78. A. Ellis to Williamson. Forwards him a great packet of letters directed to the several postmasters of England, and brought there to him for conveyance. It seems to be a new project of intelligence, and since the author endeavours to make the seat of correspondence in all the stages of England and the postmasters his province, thought it his duty not to permit such a practice upon them without Lord Arlington's privity, who he supposes will hardly suffer any person to correspond with his postmasters. *Encloses,*

78. 1. *Thos. Bromhall to Mr. Roberts, postmaster at York House. Cannot deny but there is one letter in the packet to each postmaster, and if any one doubts the contents, the packet may be opened by authority; if any are to be paid for, will send the money, but knows no reason why any subject's letter should be returned without order; if Roberts have such an order, the writer must apply to the King and Council or Parliament.* Oct. 19, 1666.

Oct. 19.

79. Frances Lady Conway to her son Viscount Conway, Great Queen Street, London. His wife has had a fit of the headache, but is pretty well again. Account of her health and proceedings; she asked who was in Sir Orlando Bridgeman's place; could not satisfy her. His brother Rawdon desires to hear from him concerning a minister. Private affairs. Thanks him for speaking to her brother concerning Lady Seymour, and is glad he does not marry her, but is afraid he will do as bad. The cook is glad he likes the seasoning of pie, and is making another.

Oct. 19?

80. Thos. Melmoth to Mr. Hayter. The last positive order from Sir Thos. Allin for his coming from Plymouth was Oct. 6; left the 10th, and arrived in London the 16th. [*Adm. Paper.*] Annexing,

80. 1. *List of muster books sent to the Navy Office by Thos. Melmoth, muster master at Plymouth, from his going there in April 1667 to October 18, 1667. With note that his commission bears date April 5, 1667.* Oct. 18, 1667.

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Oct. 19. 81. Account of the contents of the chests of prize money brought to the Navy Office, and delivered to Lord Anglesey by Sir Jer. Smith. [*Draft minute. Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 19. 82. Ph. Pett to the Navy Comrs. Sends an estimate for repair
Chatham Dock. of the double dock, and as the charge is so considerable, desires directions therein. This is a convenient time, as he cannot well otherwise employ the house carpenters and shipwrights, for want of provisions. Is in great want of stores named, which cannot be obtained on any other terms than ready money. The bricklayers are quite out of work, and if he is not supplied with provisions, desires an order for their discharge. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 19. 83. The Sub-commissioners of Prizes in Ireland to the Navy
Dublin. Comrs. Particulars of proceedings taken by Sir Oliver St. George, vice-admiral of Connaught, his deputy, Col. Spencer, and others, with respect to five prize ships and their cargo, brought by the Eagle and three other men-of-war into Galway, and left there by Capt. Pyne; one of them, laden with fish and embezzled cables and cordage from another prize, was said to be sent into France by the Governor of Galway. [*Adm. Paper, 2 pages.*]
- Oct. 20. 84. Capt. John King to the Navy Comrs. Has received sails
The Diamond. and cordage, and only tarries for provisions, which are promised to-morrow. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 20. 85. M. Wren to the Navy Comrs. Has received the order from the committee appointed to inquire into the miscarriages of the late war; being Sunday, the clerks do not attend, so cannot to-night set anybody to work upon the books of entries received from Sir Wm. Coventry, but to-morrow his clerk shall extract a list of all commissions granted. Has not skill enough to advise what answer to return to the committee, but will advise how to form the list, if any of them will come to him to-morrow, between seven and eight, before he goes to the House of Commons. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 20. 86. Sir Thos. Teddeman to the Navy Comrs. Has paid off the
Dover. common men of the two fire-ships, but shall not pay the captains nor gunners till they have cleared their accounts with the victualler and the ordnance. The master of the Dolphin has taken possession of his vessel, and has given notice to the Governor's brother to take possession of his. Judicious persons will be chosen to see how long they have been in the service, and what damage they have received. The ships ordered for Havre and Dieppe, to bring away the French vessels, were forced back into the Downs without their convoy. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 20. 87. M. Scott to Williamson. It is true that there were some
Berwick. ministers at Edinburgh who had their cloaks cut; 14 of them had a round hole cut out of their garments, and a long rent or slit made from it. The National Council there, taking notice of the affront, ordered four of the militia companies to come into the city, whereupon the city council raised their own trained bands, and would not

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suffer the others to enter. Hears the Lord Commissioner of Scotland is coming up to the King shortly. A pink belonging to Margate was put ashore on Sandstell Point coming from London, but the men were saved. If she do not split by the force of the tempest, having lost her rudder, her goods will not be much damaged.

Oct. 20.
Plymouth.

88. John Clarke to Williamson. Several ships have put into that port, outward bound to the Straits, Virginia, Barbadoes, &c; ; also a private man-of-war belonging to Ostend, which narrowly escaped being cast away coming in.

Oct. 20.
Portsmouth.

89. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. Few ships are stirring. They continue to discharge the ships and to pay off the seamen.

Oct. 20.
Portsmouth.

90. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. The tempestuous weather drives the ships into that port and road for shelter; a bark from Middleburg, bound for Morlaix with piece goods, struck upon the Horse, and was near being cast away. The Mermaid has come in from the coast of France to be cleaned, and other ships are in St. Helen's Road.

Oct. 20.
Bristol.

91. John Powell to James Hickey. Arrival of vessels from Bristol and other places.

Oct. 20.
Bristol.

92. John Powell to Williamson. To the same effect as the preceding.

Oct. 21.
Weymouth.

93. Chr. Sawtell to Edm. Sawtell. An Ostend privateer has arrived bringing a French banker, said to be fully laden, and lately come from the bank, which is the fifth prize that she and her fellow have taken since they set forth upon that design.

Oct. 21.

94. "Advices received," being extracts from letters all calendared above.

Oct. 21.
Yarmouth.

95. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Lord Carlisle's ship has returned, being forced back by bad weather, and their beer and water all spent. The master coming ashore in a boat to get supplies, many of the company wanted to come with him, fearing lest the vessel should founder, but were prevented. John Banks, a pulley maker of Yarmouth, is to take the postmaster's place; would have written for it himself had he thought it just to undermine him who has it, but if he do leave it, asks influence with Lord Arlington for it; it would be an assistance to his wife, whom he put into a coffee shop, on commencing to communicate with Williamson, so as to obtain more intelligence.

Oct. 21.
Hall.

96. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Several vessels have arrived. Two from Rotterdam report that our prisoners in Zealand are used very hardly, and if care be not taken, many of them will be starved this cold season. The Roebuck is in Humber.

Oct. 21.
York Castle.

97. Wm. Fryer to Williamson. Asks him to solicit Lord Arlington to write to Mr. White, justice of the peace at Wakefield, to

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procure his release; if his lordship will not do it, entreats him to write to the Attorney General for the broad seal, and then his pardon will be according to law; without his liberty, he has no advantage by the King's hand, and lies under the reproach of counterfeiting it, as it is said if it were a real thing, he would have his liberty. Atkinson, who came from the Tower, died on the 20th instant.

Oct. 21. 98. Certificate by Thos. Sandys, that Richard Bruing, the eldest son of Edward Bruing of Hambleton, co. Hants, and Mary his daughter are going to Paris, the son [to serve his exercises there, and the other to her aunt, and that the uncle, Charles Bruing, goes purposely to accompany them.

Oct. 21. 99. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Four or five Ostend men-of-war appeared before that harbour; and gave chase to the French fleet belonging to the Grande Partie in the port, one of which is feared to have fallen into their hands; although they have two frigates for convoy, yet they are afraid to put to sea. A Welsh vessel laden with coals, bound for France, was driven off her anchors, and cast upon the rocks, and a Frenchman laden with salt was saved with difficulty.

Oct. 21. 100. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Some 80 ships are there, Penderennis. whereof 30 are French, with two men-of-war of the Grand Partie, which say they were of 80 sail that came from Rouen and Havre-de-Grace, bound for Rochelle, and were driven in by the Ostenders, which they doubt have taken the rest.

Oct. 21. The King to [the University of Cambridge]. Require them to admit Nich. Folkingham, B.A. of Christ's College, to the degree of M.A., though he wants two months of his full time for taking the same, an ecclesiastical preferment being offered to him which requires the degree of M.A. [*Ent. Book 27, f. 126.*]

Oct. 21. Grant to Edw. Progers, groom of the bedchamber, in reversion after the Duke of Albemarle, of the office of Keeper of the Middle Park and Hare Warren at Hampton Court. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 21. 101. Certificate by Thos. Lewis, that Capt. John Bugby, commander of the Society, has signed a bill of lading for receipt of provisions mentioned, to be delivered to Sir John Harman at Barbadoes. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 21. 102. Bill of lading by Capt. John Bugby for provisions shipped London. by Denis Ganden in the Society, bound for Barbadoes, for the use of His Majesty's ships in the West Indies. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Annexing,
102. 1. *Account of the number of casks of beef and pork delivered aboard the Society for the fleet aforesaid.*

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Oct. 21. 103. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comrs. Will launch the
Woolwich. Mary to-morrow, but the Princess will require calking under water. Most of the sawyers are sick or dead. Ships fitting out for the Straits require joiner's work, for which he needs 500 or 600 deals and other stores. Will do what he can, though the men are very much discouraged for want of money. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 21. 104. William Hannam and Jno. Hancrett to the Navy Comrs.
Woolwich. The quantity of unserviceable beer [in the Monmouth] is 80 tnns. Conclude the damage to be wholly occasioned by the grounding and sinking of the ships. There are 30,000 bags of bread, part of it mouldy; but if it were disposed among the fleet, as the beef and pork by Sir Thos. Allin, the greatest part of it might be fit for present spending. [*Adm. Paper, damaged.*] *Annezing,*
104. L. William Hannam and four others to the Navy Comrs. *Send account of a survey made of provisions on board the Monmouth, some of the bread and beer being bad. With note by Sam. Pepys, that the quantity ought to be ascertained, and how much is bad by reason of the casks, &c., and how the bread came to be mouldy.*
- October 18, 1667.
- Oct. 22. 105. Capt. J. Perriman to the Navy Comrs. Account of his proceedings on ships named in the river. A great stage and some masts are lying on the marshes of Sheppey, and the people break them up and cut out the iron work. If an order be not sent, all will be consumed. [*Adm. Paper, 3 pages.*]
- Oct. 22. 106. Note that the original certificate of the Chatham officers touching the securing of the Medway, and dated December 18, 1666, was left with the clerk of the committee, October 22, 1667.
- Oct. 22. 107. Capt. James Welsh to Williamson. The King's pleasure boat
Rye. has come into the harbour, to carry the Duchess of Richmond and Lady Lunley to France. There is a vacancy at Rye of one of the burgesses for Parliament. Sir John Austen, of Kent, Mr. Ersfield, a Sussex gentleman, and Mr. Henry Saville, of His Royal Highness's bedchamber, are there, the latter with a letter of recommendation from His Royal Highness; hopes and believes he will be the person elected.
- Oct. 22. 108. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Passage boats come frequently from Holland, and the Truelove has arrived bound for the Thames. Desires to hear the issue of his petition.
- Oct. 22. 109. John Clarke to Williamson. Several ships have put in from
Plymouth. London bound to the Straits, &c., but only one vessel arrived from Morlaix.
- Oct. 22. 110. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.
- Oct. 22. 111. Sir Jo. Skelton to Williamson. The Sorlings has arrived with
Plymouth Fort. the disbanded men from Scilly. The sailors of a Spanish man-of-war

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that brought over Lord Sandwich's gentlemen, with the articles of peace, boarded an English merchantman in the offing, which he would have sunk had she not been a good ship. They abused the men and ripped up several packs of goods. The damage was valued at 60*l.*, but the captain of the man-of-war coming aboard, made his men give back all but to the value of 8*l.*, which they carried away, and beat the men very much. Shall be glad to hear concerning his warrant.

Oct. 22.
Newcastle.

112. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Twenty sail of great and small ships have come into the harbour. One from Amsterdam ran great hazard in coming in, but got safe, through the good conduct of the master, one of their best apprentices. The Lord Chancellor of Scotland is expected this morning.

Oct. 22.
Letter Office.

113. James Hickes to Williamson. A packet of letters has been brought down from a person keeping the office of Intelligence at the Pencil in the Strand, directed to several postmasters, inviting them to keep a constant correspondence with him. How far it may be judged fit for them to do so, except with the Postmaster-General or such as he appoints, leaves to his lordship, to whom the packet has been sent, that he may declare his resentment. Thinks if this person gain his desires and intelligence, and make use of it, it will utterly break Williamson's intelligence in printing the Gazette, except in such advice as comes from foreign parts, and thus prove to his great damage.

Oct. 22.
Halg.

114. Sir Roger Bradshaigh to Williamson. Since Parliament is sitting, ought to be there, but has urgent occasions and some distemper, and must run the hazard of the house ere he can come. Begs him to order his correspondence to be continued till he waits upon him.

Oct. 23.
Whitehall.

115. The King to the [Master and Fellows of Trinity College, Cambridge]. Recommends John Goodwin, B.A., for re-admission to the place of student in that college, on the first vacancy, without performance of the usual exercises, any statute to the contrary notwithstanding. [1½ pages.]

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116. "Advices received," being extracts from letters calendared above.

Oct. 23.
Hull.

117. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Two ships belonging to Hull arrived from Hamburg. Having had extraordinary bad weather going and coming, they were separated from one of their companions which was supposed to be lost, but it is hoped that an English ship put into Norway is she; a vessel, richly laden for Rotterdam, was driven into the Elbe, and as all her men were tired out, the Hamburg ships furnished her with men and an anchor or two. Feared four of the best ships belonging to Hull, and going for London richly laden, were lost, but has heard of three; as it is five weeks since they went, it is supposed that the fourth must be lost.

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Oct. 23. 118. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. No ships have arrived from
Lynn. Swansea lately; only a few colliers have come in. The country is
well contented at the good compliance between His Majesty and
the Parliament, as also at their proceedings, which puts the people
in hopes of much public good and peaceable settlement; people's
minds are busied about their employments.
- Oct. 23. 119. Ja. Baskerville to James Hickee. Several ships are in the
Bristol. roads outward bound, but none have arrived worth observation.
- Oct. 23. 120. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. Capt. Barker, with the last
Deal. India packet, has sailed westward. The country talk of great things
the Parliament are doing, both for the honour of His Majesty and
the good of the kingdom.
- Oct. 23. 121. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. They are paying off the
Portsmouth. seamen, and expect 10,000*l.* by a guard to-morrow from London to
continue it.
- Oct. 23. 122. Thos. Holden to James Hickee. Thirty sail of Frenchmen
Falmouth. belonging to the Grande Partie, with two convoys, have gone out
of the harbour for Rochelle; also the James of London for Barbadoes,
and four others for places named.
- Oct. 23. 123. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the pre-
Falmouth. ceding and his letter to Hickee of Oct. 21.
- Oct. 23. 124. Jo. Quin to Williamson. The Earl of Oxford desires him
Whitehall. not to deliver the commissions for cornets' places to Mr. Coventry
and Mr. Price, till he hears from him, but he is to dispatch the others
with what haste he can. *Encloses,*
124. 1. *Minute by the Earl of Oxford of officers in his regiment;*
viz:—
Thos. Armstrong to command the troop late Sir Hen.
Wroth's.
[Thos.] Morley to be his lordship's own lieutenant.
Sir Chas. Wyndham, lieutenant to Armstrong.
Young [Gerard] Wyndham, cornet to his father, Major
Wyndham.
Mr. Coventry, cornet to Sir Edw. Brett.
Mr. Price, cornet to Capt. Armstrong. Oct. 21.
- Oct. 23. 125. Commission to Thos. Alden Price to be cornet to Capt.
Whitehall. Thos. Armstrong's troop, in the Earl of Oxford's regiment.
- Oct. 23. 126. Commission to — Coventry to be cornet to Sir Edw.
Whitehall. Brett, in the same regiment.
- Oct. 23. Minutes of the above commissions for officers in the Earl of
Oxford's regiment. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 181.*]

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Oct. 23. Order to the Commissioners for Prizes to deliver the ship St. Anne, lately brought into Portsmouth by the Montague, to Capt. John Holmes, as the King's free gift. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 565.*]
- Oct. 23. Order to the Commissioners of Prizes to permit John Lord Berkeley to purchase the ship Viningburgh, now in the Thames, upon appraisement. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 566.*]
- Oct. [23.] 127. Warrant to Sir Thos. Ingram, Chancellor, and the Officers
Whitehall. of the Duchy of Lancaster, to allow to Sir Sam. Morland 150*l.* 5*s.*, arrears of a rent of 20*l.* a year, due by Sir John Lewknor, of Wysdeane, Sussex, and Rich. Evelyn, of Woodcote, Surrey, on lands in Hartingfordbury, co. Herts, on their bringing the said rent of 20*l.* into charge before the officers of the duchy for payment in future; granted to encourage others to inform of lapsed revenues.
- Oct. 23. Entry of the above. [*Ent. Book 23, pp. 566-569.*]
- Oct. 23. Warrant to Lord Ashley, Treasurer of Prizes, to pay Capt. John Lloyd 500*l.* from the profits of the sale of the Dutch East India prize taken by him, as a reward for keeping the goods from embezzlement. [*Ent. Book 26, p. 15*b.**]
- Oct. 23. 128. M. Wren to the Navy Comrs. Asks the burden of the St. Jacob fire-ship, lately appointed to be sold, and what she was appraised at the first time. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 23. 129. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. Sir Thos. Teddeman went
Dover. for London yesterday, leaving him to deliver the Crown Mary and Dolphin fire-ships to their owners. Has taken the stores of the Dolphin, and received an inventory of the things belonging to her, when taken possession of by the King. The governor of Dover Castle is the owner of the Crown Mary. Desires they will appoint somebody to speak with him as to taking possession of her. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 23. 130. Capt. Rich. Uther to Sam. Pepys. Desires him to deliver
London. the bill which the Navy Comrs. may give for his travelling charges to John Knight. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Oct. 24.
Ratcliff
Cross.

1. Thos. Blackman to Mr. Hayter. Having expended all his tickets, asks for 20 more, as now the fleet is come in, his door is never free of men formerly pressed on shore, and carried into other ships without their tickets. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 24.
The Diamond,
Hope.

2. Capt. John King to the Navy Comrs. Is attending only for the provisions, which, though shipped on board the Supply hoy on Monday last, are not come down. The want of them hinders his progress. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 24.
The Milford,
Hope.

3. Capt. Rich. White to the Navy Comrs. Has been waiting a month for a supply of victuals. When in London, Mr. Sprig told him they were shipped, and as they have not come down, has sent his master about it. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 24.
Deptford.

4. Jonas Shish to [the Navy Comrs.] Will finish what works of the new ship he can before launching her, as there is a far greater charge on the works done afloat than in dock. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 24.
Deptford.

5. W. Fownes to the Navy Comrs. Has given Lord Brouncker a weekly account of the charge of the yard; as he is to continue it, desires information as to the claims of the officers of the Loyal London for wages and victuals; also of the pursers of the Providence and Expedition, made fire-ships. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 24.
Portsmouth.

6. Ja. Pugh to Sir John Mennes. Has no money, nor hears of any coming to pay the ships; only Mr. Soulmer received a bill for 5,000*l.* on Sir John Norton, and is going to see if he can get the money. Mr. Bryant, the purser, being in London, will give satisfaction for his double ticket. It is likely to be a tedious pay. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 24.
Whitehall.

Reference recommending to the Treasury Comrs. the petition of Col. Rich. Kirkhy for the commissioner's place in the excise, void by indisposition of Wm. Forth. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 265.*]

Oct. 24.
Rye.

7. Capt. James Welsh to Williamson. The Duchess of Richmond has departed for France, in one of His Majesty's pleasure boats. Sir John Austen, Bart., has been elected one of the hurgesses for Rye, in the room of Herbert Morley, deceased, contrary to the writer's expectation, and to the great dissatisfaction of His Majesty's friends, considering the worth and abilities of Mr. Henry Saville, recommended by his Royal Highness, who lost it but by one vote: this he had not done, but one of his friends fell sick.

Oct. 24.
Margate.

8. John Smith to Williamson. Has no news, only that it is very good and seasonable weather to sow the wheat.

Oct. 24.
Pembroke.

9. John Powell to James Hicken. The Harp frigate has sailed for Dublin, and some colliers have arrived.

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10. John Powell to Williamson. To the same effect.

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Oct. 24. 11. John Man to Williamson. Though the weather has been
Swansea. very bad and boisterous, yet hears of no damage upon those coasts.
- Oct. 24. 12. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. A packet arrived with
Harwich. the mail from Holland, without one passenger in it, and returned the
next day without one back. Desires that the clerk who sends back
his intelligence may be ordered to write whether his petition has
been laid aside, or what else has been done with it.
- Oct. 1 13. Case of Silas Taylor, employed in the concerns of the prizes at
Harwich in 1666 and 1667, addressed to the Commissioners of
Prizes. Remonstrates against not being allowed a salary or sufficient
allowance. Had the charge of 30 prize vessels, sold or sent to
London; reduced the charge of waiters from 2s. 6d. to 2s. a day,
and supposing himself under salary of 200*l.*, as he had under the
Commissioners of Prizes for the Carribbee Islands, brought in
charges so small that he will be a great loser; has asked leave
to relinquish his employment, but been refused.
- Oct. 24. 14. John Carlisle to Williamson. In the Flanders packet arrived
Dover. one of Lord Douglas's troopers that was taken, who says that
those of Ostend have been very cruel to the troopers, and stripped
them, and that their best bed is to lie on straw. A Dover vessel
outward bound, and laden with rich goods, has been taken by an
Ostender that came into the harbour for shelter, knowing there were
some French seamen on board; they have carried her into Ostend.
A small shallop of Calais was chased ashore at Folkstone, by an
Ostender, who manned his boat, thinking to take the Frenchmen
prisoners; they left their boat and came ashore at Folkstone; the
Ostender thinking to pillage the boat, it was rescued by the
men of Folkstone, who brought six or seven of them ashore, and
there detained them for letting fly their great ball into the town,
which shot through some of the houses, though it did no hurt.
They let the Frenchmen go home in their boat.
- Oct. 25. 15. Col. Ja. Berry to Sir Jordan Crosland. Thanks for letting him
know how his business stands. Hoped, after almost eight years' im-
prisonment, and damage sustained in his estate, that he might have
had liberty without making any tacit acknowledgment of guilt, or
having any character put upon him. Has been passive in his suffer-
ings hitherto, and shall endeavour to continue so, and not trouble
him any further, but leave his matters for God to dispose of as he
sees good.
- Oct. 25. 16. "Advices received," being extracts from letters calendared
above, and from the following:
Dublin, Oct. 19: A Swede of 300 tons came in with salt and
wine; a ketch from St. Malo with salt; a pink from Plymouth,
and a galliot from Glasgow with herrings and butter. The Lord
Lieutenant has gone for Kilkenny. [2 pages]
- Oct. 25. 17. Rich. Bower to Williamson. A dozen laden colliers sailed
Yarmouth. for London, and a vessel arrived from Rotterdam. There is only a

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great fly boat, laden with Spanish salt upon Prince Rupert and Mr. Fenn's account, in the roads. She was taken by the Panther, a privateer. The people are much taken with the Parliament proceedings, and impatient until they finish what they have cut out; they are condemning particular men, and dividing their estates, before they know the guilty from the innocent. Understands that John Baals is not fit for the postmaster's place; has before informed him of the reasons why he (the writer) should like it, since which the bailiffs have solicited him either to recommend some person, or accept it himself; refused, being unwilling to take another's employment before he was laid aside, till the poor man, perceiving he must be put out, came and begged him to take it.

Oct. 25. 18. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. They are paying off the
Portsmouth. seamen, to ease His Majesty's charge.

Oct. 25. 19. John Clarke to Williamson. A privateer with a Spanish
Plymouth. commission has taken a small Frenchman off that harbour, laden with hemp and linen, and lies with his prize in the Sound. The Bantam Merchant has come in, and intends to sail with the first fair wind for the East Indies.

Oct. 25. 20. John Clarke to James Hickey. To the same effect.

Oct. 25. 21. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Twenty laden colliers have
Newcastle. sailed, and 15 light ones come in, some of which are great ships. Fears the last laden fleet has suffered by the storm.

Oct. 25. 22. Edw. Bodham to Williamson. A small ketch from Amsterdam
Lynn. met with 50 Holland men-of-war and other ships, between the Texel and Flamborough Head, cruising off at sea, not daring to venture in with the land, the wind being high, &c. She brings news that two Lynn ships, supposed to have been lost, have arrived in the Texel, but that the Essex frigate and many other ships are lost.

[Oct. 25.] 23. Case of the 40,000 prisoners in London and other parts of England, stated to Parliament. The late Act for their relief did little, on account of the cruelty of creditors and combinations of gaolers. Another was prepared to remedy these defects; implore them to consider of it, the prisons being so full that 50 persons are sometimes in a room fit only for 20, and are used like slaves, by the tyranny of creditors and gaolers. [*Printed.*]

Oct. 25. 24. Order in the House of Commons, that Lord Arlington, with Mr. Comptroller and Col. Kirby, be desired to peruse all papers of intelligence relating to the Dutch fleet, the times of their reception, the orders thereon, and the time of dividing the fleet, and that such letters, or the abstracts of them, be laid before the house. [*Printed in Commons' Journals, Vol. IX., p. 8.*]

Oct. 25. 25. Account by Thos. Lewis of provisions shipped in the Two
Vintualling Pilgrims, for the use of the ships under the command of Sir John
Office. Harman at Barbadoes. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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Oct. 25.
Woolwich.

26. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comrs. Launched the *Mary* on Tuesday last, and has got the *Princess* in her room. Is in great want of joiners, being forced to put house carpenters to do their work as well as they are able. Is obliged to use Hamburg deals for the cabins, for want of ordinary ones. Asks a supply of reed from the Deptford stores. [*Damaged. Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 25.
Hall.

27. Jos. Blaydes to the Navy Comrs. Sends the carpenters' certificate of survey of a ship, with his own observations thereon. She is in a bad harbour for repairs; if the wind blow hard, no man can secure her. Bega they will consider him for his pains. Is driven to great straits for want of money. [*Adm. Paper.*]

27. I. *Certificate by Joseph Blaydes and four [carpenters of Hull] of a survey of the Hampshire prize. It will cost near 500*l.* to repair her, and should a storm come during the repairs, all the cost would be lost.*

Scarborough, Oct. 23, 1667.

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28. Certificate that Capt. John Purdne, commander of the *Lewes Merchant*, was paid from 31 July 1664, to the day the ship was paid off. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 26.

29. M. Wren to the Navy Comrs. Desires them to send a supply of stores to the *Swallow*, by the ketch that carries the stores of the *Convertine*. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Encloses,*

29. I. *Bernard Ludman to Mat. Wren. Asks for a supply of stores named, and also some men, having only his complement, and none to man the Convertine.*

The Swallow, Leith Road, Oct. 19, 1667.

Oct. 26.
Dover.

30. Thos. White to the Navy Comrs. No one will undertake to judge, either for the King or the owner, of the damage done to the *Dolphin*, so the master will get carpenters to repair it. Shall have an inspection, that they may do no more than necessity requires. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 26.
The Harp,
Dublin.

31. Capt. Robt. Hooper to the Navy Comrs. At Milford missed Col. Cook, whom, with his retinue, he was to carry to Waterford; he went over in the *Little Gift* two days before. Arrived on the 24th; Sir Daniel Billingham, sub-treasurer, has no orders as yet to pay him. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 26.
The Vining-
burgh, Erith.

32. Sub-Commissioners of Prizes for London to the Navy Comrs. Hoped to have found their officer attending on the unloading the *Viningburgh*, as desired. As for the *Hope of Henlopen*, will acquaint them as soon as they begin to work. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 26.
Newcastle.

33. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Sends a paper containing the desire of his friends of the *Trinity House*, for the security of masters who have occasion to come to Newcastle; it will be seasonable to give notice of it to all persons concerned, and to put it in the

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Gazette, for the public good. Ships are coming in every tide.
Encloses.

33. I. *Advertisement to masters and seamen trading to Newcastle, that the upper lighthouse has been removed by the Trinity House more northward, and directs to the best channel into the port, and that there is a point of sand strikes over from the Hird within the bar, directly northward, almost to the place called the Black Middings, whereof they are desired to take care. Signed by Thomas Dickson, master [of the Trinity House, Newcastle], and Ralph Tailor.*
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Oct. 26.
Bridlington.

34. John Bower to James Hickes. Capt. Robinson in the ketch is taking in the guns and ammunition belonging to that fort, to bring them to London. Many storms have done some damage to the ships on the coast. Several laden ships are turning to windward, bound for London.

Oct. 26.
Harwich.

35. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Sees many ships at a distance, passing forwards and homewards daily. Has not heard one word since sending his petition, and knows not whether he has read, approved, or caused it to be delivered; the whole reward for his employment in the prizes depends upon it.

Oct. 26.
Weymouth.

36. John Pocock to James Hickes. A French banker, laden with fish, and taken, with four more, on the coast of France, by an Ostend privateer, has been brought in, the other four being sent to Ostend. A bark from Guernsey brings news of several pieces of wreck seen in those parts.

Oct. 26.
Lyons.

37. Anth. Thorold to James Hickes. Two vessels from St. Malo speak highly of the kindness of the French to the English, but say they discourse much of a war with the Dutch, who have no ships there upon trade, though they used to have many; also that the French have lost above 60 ships by the Ostenders, and dare not trade so much as from port to port. An Ostend privateer of 12 guns and 120 men met one of them, and strictly examined him and his cargo, but parted fairly. Soldiers are expected at St. Malo from Ireland. Some complain of bad sales of the drapery because they [the French] have so much wool from Ireland and St. Malo. A French shallop from Rochelle, put in by the contrary winds, reports that part of their fleet lies at Dieppe and the rest at Brest; Monsieur Beaufort is at Paris.

Oct. 26.
Stanhope House.

38. Earl of Burlington to [Lord Arlington]. Having resigned the Lieutenancy of the West Riding of Yorkshire, should send him his commission, but having left it at his house in the country, cannot do so until he arrive there.

Oct. 26.
West Cove.

39. John Lysle to Williamson. The fleet of ships there has set sail, and most of them are supposed to be at their ports in France. An Ostend privateer cruising arrived and set sail again; another brought in a small bilander belonging to Rouen, from St. Malo to stop her leaks; she was bound homewards, with sweet oil,

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soap, West India hides, &c. She had also taken two French prizes, one with salt and the other with oysters, which are sent to Ostend. One of the privateers is about sailing, to meet with others about Cape la Hogue, expecting to have a market by ships homeward bound. The West Friesland from Hoorn, laden with deals bound for Cadiz, is aground, repairing her leaks.

Oct. 26. 40. Capt. James Welsh to Williamson. Lord Lumley with his
Rye. mother has departed for France. A vessel from Dieppe has arrived, laden with passengers and goods.

Oct. 26. 41. Dr. J. Wallis to Sir Leoline Jenkins. Saw his letter to the vice-
Oxford. Chancellor, and has the cases and notes mentioned. The writings marked as described are all by authority of Parliament, and Hopkins has the materials as well as charters specified, with divers others to the same purpose. The charter of 29 Edw. III. transfers the power of taking malefactors from the town to the University, so that the University must have that power, or else it is nowhere. Endorsed "Dr. Wallis, touching University charters, in Line's case."

Oct. 27. 42. John Clarke to Jas. Hickes. Two Frenchmen arrived laden
Plymouth. with wine; also a vessel from New England, and 8 or 10 Hollanders and Swedes, with one from London for Guinea, forced in by foul weather.

Oct. 27. 43. John Clarke to Williamson. To the same effect.

Oct. 27. 44. James Hickes to Williamson. Cannot wait upon him for
Letter Office. want of strength, and through confinement to the office. Has only been twice abroad, and that by Sir John [Bennet's] command, attending the committee, on the complaint of troublesome persons against the post officers. Showed his replies to the seven heads of the complaint, in four sheets of paper, to Mr. Ellis, who desired to have them; gave them him to use as he thought fit, and he promised to show them to Lord Arlington. Questions not but Williamson will also hear of them. Is not a sufficient scholar to clothe and adorn the truth so well for public view as others, yet as the truth may be found therein, it may some way stifle the insolence of the complainers, and render some moderate satisfaction to the generality of men. Will get his reply or his lordship's opinion transcribed for him, if he desire it, though Sir John cares not much for any communication betwixt them. Winds up his reply in these words: "How the rules and rates already by law settled for term of years can be altered or changed, without great reflection to the King and Parliament, I shall most humbly leave to the considerations of those most fit to judge, and not to the complainers, &c." [1½ pages.]

Oct. 27. 45. Jo. Powell to Williamson. The Gift frigate remains in the
Pembroke. harbour. Mr. Malory being dead, some differences arise by directing letters to him; asks him to send them to himself.

Oct. 27. 46. Chas. Whittington to Williamson. Some vessels arrived from
Hall. Yarmouth saw eight great wrecks at sea. A Hull vessel of 180

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tons and a collier were driven into the Humber, and the collier beaten all to pieces on the stone banks, but the men saved. The Hull vessel escaped with great difficulty, but was damaged, and is come in to repair.

- Oct. 27. 47. M. Scott to Williamson. A Yarmouth collier has been cast
Berwick. away near Bamborough; the master and company all perished. Capt. Bacon has mustered the officers and soldiers in the garrison, both on the Scotch and English sides.
- Oct. 27. 48. Ri. Watts to Williamson. There are four or five merchant
Deal. ships outward bound in the Downs, one Canaryman for London, and one Hambarger. The wind at north-east never brings trade nor news.
- Oct. 27. 49. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The ships are being paid off,
Portsmouth. and the seamen are well satisfied.
- Oct. 27. 50. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. Three colliers arrived from
Portsmouth. Newcastle report upwards of 200 more to have been lost in the storms. There is a plentiful fishing at Yarmouth. Near 20,000*l.* has come down to the dock, the clerk is paying off the ships, and the Gloucester is discharged.
- Oct. 27. 51. Ja. Pugh to Sir John Mennes. Paid the Gloucester, which
Portsmouth. took up 3,000*l.*; the York will take up as much; 5,000*l.* has come from Winchester, which, with what is left of the 5,000*l.*, will pay the York and Revenge. Will shortly want money. Asks payment of his salary. as Col. Middleton and his clerk have received what was due to them. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 28. 52. Robt. Sliter to Sam. Pepys. Recommends Stephen Wall as
Chatham. searcher at Chatham, in the place of Nicholas Wall, his kinsman, who is dead. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 28. 53. Certificate by Capt. Wm. Hannam to the Navy Comrs, that
Stephen Brooks has weighed the Golden Hand and five other ships, and that they all ebb dry at low water mark. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 28. 54. Inventory of the furniture, &c. of the Maybell galliot. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 28. 55. Christopher Pett to the Navy Comrs. The works of the
Woolwich. ships fitting for the Straits are very much behind, by neglect of calkers in absenting themselves, in order to work in the merchant yards in the river. Winked at this until extraordinary service came upon them. As they have been summoned several times by the master calker, and have refused obedience, some messenger of the Admiralty or Navy Office should be sent to constrain them to come down, or they should be punished for their default. Sends a list of their names and the places where they work. Requests orders as to the repair of ships named. [*Adm. Paper, damaged.*]
- Oct. 28. 56. Capt. John Tyrwhitt to the Navy Comrs. John Mason is a
The Henrietta. most dirty fellow, ran away from his ship, and has since acted as a

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mutineer. Has received letters concerning him and others of that nature, from Sir Wm. Coventry and Sir Wm. Batten, and the encouragement of such idle persons will not only cause the people to be more impudent but more mutinous. Shall have thanks from their honours when they are made sensible of his man's ill behaviour. [*Adm. Paper.*]

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57. Incognito to Williamson. Requested his honoured friend Mr. Ev[elyn] to give his acknowledgments for obliging salutes. Gives a transcript from a sure hand, as follows: Mr. Prin sent a threatening letter to Bath about the Papists, complaining of their great and scandalous meeting there, and menacing that the business should be brought upon the public theatre. The truth is there were not above a dozen simple women, and three or four inconsiderable men, who were at their beads; but he takes no notice that the most dangerous fanatics overwhelm the country, and meet by thousands in a most dangerous manner, in defiance of the government, reproaching the King, &c. If this be the purpose of the Comprehensive Act, it would be plain dealing to annex in it that it shall be lawful for some to do what they please, and that all others shall be bound to thank them for it, whatever they please to do; that all the late fire-brands should be set on horseback, especially those that horsed themselves to join with the Dutch and French, and that all the late sufferers should complete their martyrdom. Some men were born in a tempest, can see mountains through millstones, take alarm at the creeping of a snail, and throw open the gates to let in the Tartars, and so their end must be like their beginning; but Mr. P[rin] cannot hear on that ear, and has such accurate skill in the laws that he can find high treason in a bulrush, and innocence in a scorpion.

Oct. 28.
Deal.

58. Ri. Watts to [Williamson]. Thirty sail of Englishmen have arrived in the Downs, outward bound, most of them great ships.

Oct. 28.

59. "Advices received," being notes from letters all calendared above.

Oct. 28.
West Cowes.

60. John Lysle to Williamson. The Paradox has arrived, with the governor of Jersey and several other persons of quality, who went on to Southampton for London. The Ostend men-of-war have gone from St. Malo to the eastward with their prize, which they have resolved to carry to Ostend. The Hunter of Wismar from Rotterdam, bound to Bourdeaux, is on the ground for repairs, being leaky, as also the Stettin bound the same way, with three Hollanders, which say there is yet a store of the Meuse ships behind, which have been out four times, and driven back by the storms; also a ship, with many choice horses on board, designed for Dieppe, with a convoy.

Oct. 28.
Yarmouth.

61. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Several light colliers passed through the road for Sunderland and Newcastle, and two ships are ready to sail for the Straits, with red herrings and lead. The

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herring fishing has proved very bad ; they have not the fourth part of the fish formerly had. Fresh herrings hold up at 13*l*. to 14*l*. a last. The conventicles are many and very frequent, and no care taken to suppress them. Asks again who has the disposal of the postmaster's place for Yarmouth.

Oct. 28.
Lyme.

62. Anth. Thorold to James Hickey. Three vessels from Morlaix say they speak much there of a war with the Dutch, and conclude next summer to be masters of the Netherlands, but that the coast is at present much infested with Ostenders. The three vessels were examined by some of the Ostenders while before the town, but no harm done ; they say the French King will not allow any men-of-war to lie upon the coast, unless the Morlaix and St. Malo merchants will maintain them ; also that he has ordered an account of all religious houses and their revenues, and will turn out all erected within 30 or 40 years. He has laid a fine upon the junior gentry. A French vessel arrived from Corsica in 15 days, and speaks to the same purpose, and that a squadron of the French fleet from Rochelle is going into Provence, in the Straits.

Oct. 28.
Norwich.

63. Robt. Lullman to Williamson. Begs he will mention him to Sir John Bennet, as Lord Townshend formerly did to Lord Arlington. They are settling the postage affairs, and it may much advance his interest.

Oct. 28.
[Weymouth].

64. C. Sawtell to Edm. Sawtell. Two vessels from Cherburg saw much wreck in their passage, and give such a description of the goods and dead people, that it is generally concluded to be [the vessel of] Mr. Draddy, of Weymouth, who has been judged to be lost ever since the storm. His vessel was old and rotten, and had 12 persons aboard, half whereof were passengers for Jersey. Two colliers also arrived in Portland Road, also a ship belonging to Amsterdam and another to Flushing, both bound for France.

Oct. 28.
Pembroke.

65. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. The French fleet has gone out of port, and several English and Dutch vessels, outward bound, have come in, making in all near 80 sail. The Dutch, being the Bourdeaux fleet with a convoy, are all bound for France, and the English are bound for France and the Straits.

Oct. 28.
Milford.

66. John Powell to James Hickey. A few light colliers have arrived from about Land.

Oct. 28.
Pembroke.

67. John Powell to Williamson. To the same effect.

Oct. 28.
Whitehall.

Reference to the Attorney-General on the petition of John Lord Lovelace, for a grant of the estate of James Pyford, lately deceased, he pretending a title thereto, to supersede the warrant lately granted to Sir Edw. Carteret and others. [*Ent. Book 18, p. 266.*]

Oct. 29.

Warrant to the Postmaster of Harwich to allow the messenger of the Dutch ambassador to deliver a packet to the master of the packet boat. Minute. [*Ent. Book 23, p. 564.*]

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Oct. 29. Licence to transport 6 horses and 5 couple of dogs to Holland, for the use of M. Overkyrke. [*Ent. Book* 23, p. 570.]
- Oct. 29. 68. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. The Dutch packet boat Harwich. arrived with many passengers. The sea is full of ships passing to and fro.
- Oct. 29. 69. John Clarke to Williamson. Several ships have put in, bound Plymouth. for places named, but none homeward.
- Oct. 29. 70. Thos. Holden to James Hickes. Arrival of ships named. Falmouth.
- Oct. 29. 71. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. The York and the rest are Portsmouth. paid off as fast as they can be dispatched, to the great satisfaction of the seamen.
- Oct. 29. 72. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. The Paradox and St. David Portsmouth. have arrived at Späthead, also a small Norman which has spent her mizzenmast. The America, formerly a Dutch man-of-war, and sold to Sir Wm. Warren, has gone out of port, bound to the Barbadoes with provisions. The fanatics begin to be very confident of a toleration of their principles, and Burgess, a silenced minister, preached at Capt. Dale's house in Gosport, where several dissenters from church were also congregated; their hope is much on the Parliament.
- Oct. 29. 73. John Hill to Williamson. Begs that he will put a demur to London. any suit or pretence for the searcher's place at Dartmouth, formerly managed by George Legg, deceased, and advise him thereof, as the office is already granted by patent to Capt. Wm. Noy.
- Oct. 29. 74. Rich. Forster to Williamson. Collier ships are continually Newcastle. coming in and going out. Hopes he will be mindful of the advertisement sent from the master of the Trinity House, and put it in print, as it is for the general good of all that come that way.
- Oct. 29. 75. Appraisement by Mat. Carslake and four others, of the West Friesland, Coppersmith, Zealand, and Van Trump, at Harwich. [*Adm. Paper*, 4 pages.] *Enclosing*,
75. 1. *Another valuation of the above ships by Comr. Taylor, rating them more highly.* Oct. 31, 1667.
- Oct. 29. 76. Sir Wm. Coventry to Sam. Pepys. The seamen lying in the river unpaid make more matter of complaint, being under every man's eye or ear, than those at Portsmouth. Does not know that Lord Anglesey demanded money for tickets, and was not supplied; since Michaelmas there has always been money in the Exchequer, applicable to that use. Is fearful how long the stock will last, but whilst they can get money, shall apply all to the use of the Navy. [*Adm. Paper*.]
- Oct. 30. 77. Capt. Fras. Saunders to the Navy Comrs. Delivered the The Swec- soldiers at Dieppe the 23rd inst. Cannot go to sea, being very stakes, 11 p. leaky. Asks orders, and a supply of provisions, as the victuals will

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- Oct. 30. 78. Account by Comr. John Taylor of provisions, &c., remaining
Harwich. in the stores, and of those shipped for Chatham. [*Adm. Paper.*]
- Oct. 30. Mandamus to the Master and Senior Fellows of Trinity College, to admit John Goodwin, B.A., student of that college, to be fellow there. Minute. [*Ent. Book 19, p. 66.*]
- Oct. 30. Commission for Henry Sydney to be captain of the company of foot, late Capt. Morgan's, in the Holland regiment. Minute. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 182.*]
- Oct. 30. 79. Commission to Sir Thos. Woodcock to be captain of that
Whitchell. company whereof Henry Sydney was captain, in the Holland regiment commanded by Col. Rob. Sydney.
- Oct. 30. Minute of the above. [*Ent. Book 20, p. 182.*]
- Oct. 30. 80. "Advices received," being extracts from letters calendared above. [*1½ pages.*]
- Oct. 30. 81. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Fifty sail of colliers arrived,
Yarmouth. and a Yarmouth ship, laden with red herrings and lead, sailed for the Straits. It seems the postmaster's place is fit for none but such as are unfit for it, as any will serve if they can but give security. This the bailiffs were asked to take for him to whom the place is granted, but they will not meddle with it, being much troubled that no fitter person can be found, and will give a character of him next post. Justice Huntington came to know if the writer would accept it; gave no other answer than that he would consider of it. If it were worth his time, and he could find any other friends, would never be obliged by the town. Asks who has the disposing of it.
- Oct. 30. 82. Thos. Holden to Jas. Hickes. A Dutch fleet of 40 or 50 sail
Falmouth. and two convoys are coming into that harbour.
- Oct. 30. 83. Thos. Holden to Williamson. To the same effect as the pre-
Falmouth. ceding, and his letter to Hickes of Oct. 29.
- Oct. 30. 84. John Lysle to Williamson. One of the Ostend privateers
West Cowes. having been in the road at Havre-de-Grace, within command of the castle, two French men-of-war set upon and drove her close under the castle, but being a small vessel, and striking to the castle under French colours, she escaped, though many guns were fired after her from the castle and ships, and she was pursued until she was within the island; another privateer cruising westward has come in.
- Oct. 31. 85. Anne Desborough to ———. Desires satisfaction for the horrid sufferings her husband has met with in the Tower, which she has partaken. In order to serve His Majesty, he acquainted him with the offer he had to serve the States of Holland, which he concluded was upon some design against England; His Majesty accepted the service and promised great rewards. He undertook the business

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to the neglect of his own affairs, in the height of the infection, when there was no safe passing by sea or land, and at the hazard of his life, followed the instructions delivered to him by Lord Arlington, and went to Holland; he could never gain a syllable nor a supply of money, as promised, and having neither instructions nor money, was forced to return to England, leaving her behind, when he was apprehended upon the Exchange, by the Duke of Albemarle's warrant, for having been in the enemies' quarters, and designing to go again, and committed close prisoner to the Tower, where he was kept three months before she could hear of him, and she was not permitted to see him, although she had the Duke's order.

Petitioned the Council, who granted an order to the Duke and Lord Arlington to examine her husband, and report; could never get Lord Arlington to hear him, though the Duke was always ready, and professed he committed him through a mistake. After the Duke was gone to sea, petitioned the King again that she could not get Lord Arlington to hear him, upon which his lordship sent for him, and disowned the receipt of any letters from him, except one from Bruges, and sent him back to the Tower. If they came not to his hand, they were smothered in England, as she can prove their conveyance. Waited his lordship's report to the Council, but none coming, resolved to bring it to public trial, and gave order to her solicitor to proceed. In the interim, the Lieutenant of the Tower told her husband that if he would petition for his release and employment in His Majesty's service, and name nothing of his sufferings nor the business, he would bring the petition to Lord Arlington, and move for his release; this he did after the lieutenant's dictation, with which Lord Arlington was pleased, and an order was granted for his release upon bail, according to the custom of the Tower. This order Sir John was served with, and bail given, but he would not release him until a pretended debt was satisfied, in which a friend of his was engaged. Assured him the debt was paid, but could not persuade him to let her have the order without money, so proffered 10 pieces, which he refused; but remembering what the gaoler Gent had told in her husband's chamber, concerning his keeping Colonel Rotherburn's pardon whilst he was hanged, saw there was no working upon him, but got to the Tower to her husband; intended to present the lieutenant with what he demanded, and had it in her pocket, but understanding that the King's allowance was detained, demanded it, which he denied, so that he not only wronged the prisoners but abused His Majesty. After this he was more enraged than before, and her husband was kept seven months a prisoner, after the signing of his release.

They have vilified her husband with all the falsehoods they could, having asserted that he was no gentleman, when he was neither born nor bred below them, his first employment being that of a captain. Sir John called him a rascal and a tailor, the worst of trades, when none of his relations were ever so much as apprentices. It cuts her to the soul to be trampled over, yet if she could have satisfaction, would not bring it upon the public stage, and would rather have recompense than revenge. If Lord Arlington would fulfil the King's

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promise, her husband would have his arrears of 500*l.* due to him at Dunkirk and be put in some employment; otherwise must be forced to seek redress, having spent her own little fortune, received on her marriage. [3 pages.]

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Carlisle.

86. Wm. Fielding to [Sir Phil. Musgrave ?]. The dispute between Capt. Cowmley and the lieutenant who commands the other company, about quarters, is settled. All the officers meet in the evening constantly at orderly, and drink a cup of ale, and the guards and duty are observed as formerly, until further orders. Hears the fanatics in Galloway have their public conventicles, and more with them than with the ministers in the church on Sunday. The rabble were tumulting and insolent with the bishops and clergy at an assembly in Edinburgh, but all was quickly appeased. The King has set out his proclamation of indemnity to all those that rose in rebellion this time 12 months, provided they give bond for the peace, except such as are forfeited. The great ones of the nobility of Scotland are in London, and some of the covenanting lords, such as Cassalis, Lowthian, and Kerr, are now admitted to the Sessions of Parliament. The interest of the Covenant, it is supposed, will be strongly supported; they expect the discussions at the sitting of our Parliament will produce great alterations and gain more freedom to trade with other nations. The King's rents are improved in Scotland more than a third part, by the new Treasury Comrs. It is reported that the Presbyterians and Independents in Yorkshire have joined in a petition to the King for a toleration of religion, and thought much of being denied, but seeing that neither his nor his son's letters take cognizance of it, does not believe it. Hopes the consultations in Parliament may produce a firm settlement, and that such as are faulty may be punished. Presumes the roll of his company is with him at London; remembers no alterations except that Capt. Sandford desires that Capt. Huetson may be put in the name of his own son, and Thos. Taylor for the writer's brother. The men have their pay weekly, and the officers wish that Sir Stephen Fox may take care of paying the whole three companies; presumes he will provide for his own. Used to fire some great guns on the 5th of November, but the mayor says that solemnity is very much laid aside, and that they in the town should not use any acrimony; but unless he signifies to the contrary, shall drink the King and Parliament's health at the castle, and fire as many guns as in other years.

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Harwich.

87. Capt. Silas Taylor to Williamson. Believes the fleet of laden colliers is in the Thames. Sees several passing to and fro, but now they scatter carelessly, whereas heretofore they kept together. Thanks for his care for his poor concerns.

Oct. 31.
Pendennis.

88. Fras. Bellott to Williamson. Sixty Dutch vessels have come in, with four convoys, part of a fleet of 100 which came out together with eight convoys, under the conduct of Vice-Admiral Quares, of Amsterdam, bound for France, Portugal, the West Indies, and the Straits. There are 150 sail in all in that harbour.

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Oct. 31. 89. Hugh Salesbury to Williamson. A French vessel has arrived, laden with French wine, bound for Chichester. An Ostend privateer met and chased her into the harbour, and the privateer rides in the harbour close by.

Oct. 31. 90. Chas. Honeywood to Williamson. The small French vessel laden with wines, consigned to Chichester, is since come into port; also an Ostend privateer, which came into the road when the Frenchman was weighing anchor for Chichester Haven. The Ostender is small, and had like to have been taken at sea, but being a nimble sailer, escaped; his rudder being broken, he was forced in there. The master of the French vessel reports that 12 of their men-of-war sailed a fortnight since for Lisbon, but were driven back by contrary winds to Belle Isle, where they were when he departed from Bourdeaux.

Oct. 31. The King to the Navy Comrs. They are to deliver to Hen. Nicoll the prize ship Wild Boar, on his security to pay within a year 276*l.* 9*s.*, the amount of her valuation; he has petitioned for the ship to bring timber from Ireland for the rebuilding of London, and the Prize Comrs. recommend the grant, as he has not yet been recompensed for his services towards the Restoration. [*Ent. Book* 26, p. 16.]

Oct. 31. 91. Capt. John King to the Navy Comrs. Set sail from the Hope on the 28th, but the wind taking him short, put into Yarmouth Road, whence he will sail the first opportunity, and give them an account. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. 31. 92. Capt. Edward Bond, master of the galliot-boy, to the Navy Comrs. Never abused Capt. Strachan, except by prosecuting him and his cousin, whom he put as master on board the galliot-boy, for those things which the said master sold and embezzled out of the vessel. Capt. Strachan gave his bond that the galliot should be delivered as good as he received her; but his cousin sold and made away with cable, anchor, and other stores, value 100*l.*, for which he and his cousin must answer before the Council of Scotland, who will cause them to make restitution. His cousin will not appear without him, so is forced to prosecute both. Cannot sail without a supply of stores, and the Exchequer of Scotland will not allow any, nor money for victuals; has been forced to victual his company on his own credit these four months. Will forbear the prosecution, which has cost him 20*l.* already, if they order it. What he does against Strachan is not for self end, but for His Majesty's interest. Hopes they will order a supply of victualling, as he cannot have longer credit. Is promised the company's wages on the 15th of next month, when he shall make all the haste home that may be [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. ? 93. Petition of Sir John Baber, physician in ordinary, to the King, for a warrant for payment from the Exchequer of 954*l.* 4*s.* arrears of his pension of 12*s.* a day, from 1 Dec 1662 to 16 April 1667, there being no fund at the Greencloth from which it can be paid. *Annexing,*

93. 1. *Note of monies due to Sir John Baber, for 1597 days; total, 954*l.* 4*s.**

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94. Petition of Bridget, widow of Dr. John Robinson, to the King, for relief from the first moneys obtained through the account ordered by Parliament to be given of moneys detained from or in arrears to loyal indigent officers; had an order for relief from the 60,000*l.* voted by the House of Commons for poor cavaliers, in reward of the services of her husband, who lost 600*l.* a year by his loyalty, but received no benefit thereby.

Oct. 1

95. Petition of John Wright, merchant of London, to the King, for speedy relief; was employed some years after the Restoration, in affairs of consequence between Holland and England; but two years ago, the states of Holland and Zealand employing him on affairs much to the prejudice of the King and kingdom, he revealed the same to His Majesty at Oxford; this becoming known, could not return to Holland, where his family and trading lie, and is brought into great straits.

Oct. 2

96. Warrant for acceptance of a surrender from Rob. Bertie, Dr. Thos. Cartwright, vicar of Barking, Essex, and others, of a grant made to them 30 June 1665, as trustees for the maintenance of a curate to officiate in a chapel in Westhenolt Walk, of 58 acres of land in the same parish, including Strawberry Hill and Ravensoak Hill, being part of Waltham Forest, on rent of 5*s.* a year, and for a re-grant of the same to Rob. Bertie, Dr. Thos. Cartwright, and others, at the same rent and for the same purpose. [2 pages. *Petition for it read in Council 23 May 1666; referred to Attorney General; his report 19 Aug. 1667; reference to Treasury Comrs. 16 Sept. 1667.*]

Oct. 2

Warrant for a general pardon to Sir Robert Vyner, Bart., and a special pardon for all penalties concerning the escape of Sir John Towris, Bart. [*Ent. Book 28, p. 7.*]

Oct.

Warrant for the usual allowances to be made to the Postmaster General for extraordinary service in that office. [*Docquet*]

Oct.

Memoranda [from the Signet books] of warrants, &c., passed during the month, the uncalendared portions of which are as follow:—

Creation of Edgar, son of the Duke of York, to the dignity of Baron Dantzey and Earl and Duke of Cambridge, with precedence over all dukes of the realm, the King's offspring and the Duke of York excepted.

Note that the archdeaconry of Sudbury, diocese of Norwich, is [added] by presentation to that of Llandaff.

Grant to Sir Ernestus Biron of the office of Escheator in Barbadoes and all the Caribbee Islands.

Grant to Mr. Strange, governor of Hurst Castle, of 5*d.* a day additional, for better support, fire and candle, &c.

Grant to Edw. Dering, on surrender of Jos. Eccleston, of the office of Receiver for coa. Suffolk and Cambridge; fee, 50*l.*, and 20*s.* for every 100*l.* paid in.

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Grant to — Bouillet, messenger of the chamber in ordinary to the Queen, of 50*l.* a year for attendance, to be paid from the Treasury chamber. [*Domestic Corresp.*, July, 1667, Vol. CCXI. No. 123.]

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97. Col. John Russell to Williamson. Desires him to prepare a lieutenant's commission for Mr. Harris, in Major Walter's company at York.

Oct.

98. Col. John Russell to Williamson. Desires him to prepare a similar commission for John Daniell, in Capt. Lloyd's company at York.

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99. Rich. Bower to Williamson. Particulars of vessels laden with salt and coals in the roads. Begs remembrance for the vacant place of postmaster of the town.

Oct. 1

100. Comr. Thos. Middleton to the Navy Comrs. Has been obliged to have everything in the port done himself, which properly belonged to the Ordnance Office, there being no one else to do it. Has lent the King's boys to carry the guns and carriages to and from 200 sail of ships and to the Isle of Wight, otherwise the island would have been exposed to danger; also to the Slothany when appointed for a battery, and to Gosport Point. The crane ropes have been worn, and one of the wharfs so much damaged by laying ordnance upon it, that they are forced to drive piles to keep it from falling. At the dockhead [Portsmouth], the wharf is so settled that it was doubtful whether it would not fall in; is informed it is in great danger of blowing up, if the guns are continually laid on it. Has therefore been compelled to keep them in lighters and boys for weeks together, which endangers both guns and vessels; 500*l.* would not make good the wharfs, nor 1,200*l.* pay for the hire of lighters and men for the guns, &c. [*Adm. Paper.* 3 pages.]

Oct. 1

101. Sir Wm. Coventry to Pepys. Besides the 30,000*l.* received by Lord Anglesey from the East India Company on the seamen's wages, the Treasury Comrs. are sure of 20,000*l.* more from them on another assignment before January, which is intended for wages, so are desirous that he should pay in the river as well as at Chatham, as fast as he can, to cut off the growing charge, beginning first with those ships where the least money will cut off the most charge. No day, except Sunday, should be neglected in this work, and the certificates be returned to the Treasury chamber of what money is weekly paid. [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct.

102. Proposals by Sir Thos. Strickland to the Navy Comrs., to build three third-rate frigates in Foudray Pill, to be completed by 1 Aug. 1671, upon a similar contract to that of Mr. Baylie, of Bristol. [*Adm. Paper.*] *Enclosing,*

102. L. Edward Tyldesley to [Sam. Pepys]. Robt. Withers and the writer have viewed Foudray Pill, where they proposed to build ships for the King's service. Sends a draft

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sketch thereof, leaving the rest of the business to be transacted by his partners, Sir Thos. Strickland and Mr. Withers. Has such timber as all England cannot show. Lodge in the Forest of Meirscough, 1 Oct. 1667.

102. II. *Sketch of Walney Island, the pill, bar, &c., in coloured chalks.*

Oct. ? 103. Account by Sir John Knight of moneys disbursed by him for fitting out several frigates by order of the Navy Comrs, amounting to 1,735*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* [*Adm. Paper.*]

Oct. ? 104. Precedents furnished by the Ordnance Office as to the duty of the Navy Office to defray expenses incurred in taking out ships' guns, November and December 1628, June 1630, and March 1635. [*Adm. Paper, 1½ pages.*]

Oct. ? 105. Queries as to the cost of sawing, and bringing timber from Bristol to London for windows, balconies, &c., its price in London, and what conveyance may be had at Bristol for transporting 1,000 tons.

Oct. 106. Notes of rents received on grants of patents specified, in Michaelmas term ; total, 3,901*l.* 19*s.* 7*d.*

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Lists sent by Morgan Lodge to Williamson, of King's and merchants' ships in the Downs, the state of the wind, time of the arrival and dispatch of the mails, &c.

No.	Date.	King's.	Merchants.	Wind.	Mails.		Notes.
					Arrival.	Dispatch.	
107	Oct. 1	7	8	S.W.	None.	5 P.M.	The homeward-bound merchantmen are sailing out, except two East Indians.
108	2	10	7	S.W.	None.	6 P.M.	
109	3	10	8	S.W.	None.	5 P.M.	
110	4	5	2	S.W.	None.	6 P.M.	Most of the ships have sailed out this afternoon.
111	5	6	2	S.W.	—	—	
112	6	11	2	W.	None.	6 P.M.	
113	8	14	4	S.W.	None.	6 P.M.	
114	6	10	6	S.W.	None.	6 P.M.	
115	9	10	7	S.W.	None.	5 P.M.	
116	10	8	14	W.	None.	6 P.M.	
117	11	—	—	N.	—	—	
118	12	5	8	E.	4 P.M.	5 P.M.	
119	13	2	1	E.	None.	6 P.M.	
							Four companies of Scots have been shipped for France, and went on board without trouble. A vessel bound for the East Indies was aground, but has got off again.
120	14	2	1	N.W.	None.	6 P.M.	Will deliver Lord Arlington's packet when the Reserve comes into the Downs.
121	15	6	2	N.W.	None.	6 P.M.	
122	16	6	2	—	—	—	
123	17	5	5	S.W.	None.	6 P.M.	
124	16	4	6	S.W.	None.	6 P.M.	
125	16	5	20	S.W.	None.	6 P.M.	
126	19	5	21	S.W.	None.	5 P.M.	The Orange, formerly a Dutch ship, has passed through the Downs.
127	20	0	22	W.	None.	5 P.M.	
128	21	6	—	N.N.W.	None.	6 P.M.	Some merchant ships have gone out, but the winds prevent boats going to sea, while two more are come in.
129	22	4	14	W.	5 P.M.	6 P.M.	All the ships are gone or going, except the Kent and Portland.
130	23	2	0	N.E.	None.	6 P.M.	
131	24	2	0	N.E.	5 P.M.	6 P.M.	The Portland and three French convoys have passed through northwards.
132	25	2	0	S.W.	None.	5 P.M.	
133	27	2	2	S.W.	None.	6 P.M.	
134	28	3	19	W.S.W.	None.	6 P.M.	All the ships in the last list are in, except the Paradox.
135	31	—	—	N.	5 P.M.	6 P.M.	



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